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The rubber contest between two of the hard-socking middleweights of recent years, Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano, should be a repetition of their previous two thrilling encounters. As in past championship fights, THE RING coverage will be more complete than that of any other publication. Nat Fleischer and Jersey Jones will give you a ringside report that will cover every angle of the battle and in addition, there will be several pages of action shots covering every phase of the battle.

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In "Fights One Cannot Forget," the Oldtimer recalls many thrillers that will keep you interested.

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THE RING Editor recently flew to Europe for a survey of the boxing situation in England, Ireland and France. His "X-ray" of foreign fighters shows that America still leads the roost in almost every division. But there are several newcomers whose rise to fistic fame has been phenomenal and who compare favorably with our best talent.

Let Nat Fleischer tell you the story of his trip and give you the inside data of Europe's best fighters.

In addition there will be several pages devoted to the club fighters, the lads who are striving to make the grade and photographs of the leading battles of the month.

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LOUIS' 2nd TIME "HEX" THREATENS WALCOTT

Nine Times Has Champion's Return Fight With An Opponent Seen Him Do An Improved Job

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

JOE WALCOTT is confident he will whip Joe Louis in the Yankee Stadium on the night of June 23. There are quite a few who support this contention. In fact, as this issue of THE RING Magazine goes to press, Jersey Joe is the favorite over the heavyweight champion of the world.

"I beat Louis last December and I will do it a second time," Walcott declared, in a recent analysis of his June task.

"I have the Indian sign on Louis. I beat him when I was his sparring partner. You see, Louis has a one-track mind. He is not equal to emergencies. Once you solve his style, he cannot change it. I know what he is likely to do in every emergency."

This sounds much too much like the speech Max Schmeling made as he was about to tackle Louis for the second time.

It sounds much too much like the thesis Billy Conn propounded before his second engagement with the title holder.

In fact, that stuff about Louis' one track mind is not supported too lustily by boxing history.

You see, meeting Louis a second time never has done anybody any good.

Louis has had some encounters in which, tackling a man for the first time, he did not look too good. Schmeling, for one, knocked him out. That happened on June 19, 1936. The German belted Joe out in a dozen heats.

But when Max tried to repeat, after Joe had become the champion on June 22, 1938, the Uhlan came very near being killed. Louis stopped him in the first round and the fight came close to a fatal climax.

Before the first fight, Schmeling said, "I have made an interesting study of Louis' style through analyzing motion pictures of a few of his contests.

"I know just how he fights, I know just what he will do in certain situations. I will beat him."

Schmeling certainly made good his boast. And he certainly knew what Joe would do against certain blows and certain types of attack.

Came their second match, and the German announced, "Before my first meeting with Louis, I studied motion pictures. Now I have a better guide—actual experience.

"Knowing what I did from the pictures, it took me 12 rounds to dispose of Louis.

"Knowing what I do from actual combat with the champion I am confident it will take me about half that time."

However, Louis knew that in his first fight with Max he had waited too long. He decided to rush at Schmeling at the bell, and get it over with as fast as he could. He achieved his purpose in 2 minutes 4 seconds.

This piece is not intended to spread the philosophy that Walcott cannot beat Louis. There are too many ring-wise thinkers who believe that Father Time has taken his full toll of the champion, that Louis' stands as a title holder have run out, and he will lose the laurels to a man who, before he encountered Louis last December, was regarded as no better than a second rater.

This photograph shows that Joe Louis had plenty of excess weight to work off when he started training for his return match with Walcott.

Morning roadwork, a monotonous grind to most fighters in training, apparently is a pleasure to well-conditioned Jersey Joe, who certainly doesn't seem worried in this picture about the return bout "hex" Louis seems to exert over opponents.

IT may very well be that the June 23 fight will upset boxing history, and go contrary to anything you will find in the book.

But, in the meantime, we are confronted with the evidences of past fights in which Louis met an opponent for the second time.

The Louis encounter with Walcott will be the champion's tenth second shot at an opponent.

Louis' record shows that in a second encounter, he never has failed to stop his man by a knockout.

In nine second shots, the title holder has gone only 43 rounds, an average of under five heats per fight.

His quickest victory in a return engagement was his one round triumph over Schmeling. His longest second fight went eleven heats, against Bob Pastor, in Detroit.

That was the only case in which Louis' second try lasted longer than the first. The primary meeting between Louis and Bob, in the Garden in New York on February 7, 1927, had a ten round limit and Pastor was able to last largely through agile foot work. As a fight, it had few factors to recommend it. As a foot race, it merely proved that Pastor could run faster than Joe could chase him.

Joe Louis actually is a lot more clever of mind than most of the experts give him credit for being. Like the elephant, Joe never forgets.

Situations, developments, reactions, results of certain things he has done in a ring, leave an indelible imprint on his brain lens.

* * *

JOE'S cerebellum has that fine faculty for taking motion pictures of his fights. It is conceivable that Time, and Wear and Tear, have done their deadly work, and that no matter how Louis may try, he will not be able to overcome the fresher, more eager, money-hungry Walcott.

Don't forget that money angle. Walcott never has earned a lot of money. He certainly did not get rich on the dough he got for his December battle with the champion.

This is Walcott's first opportunity to get some important moolah, to gain financial protection for his big family. He definitely is not a great heavyweight, and at his age, 35, is not likely to develop into one.

But on the night of June 23, the fighter Louis used to be may refuse to come alive again. The past may taunt Joseph Barrow with a poignant futility of the moment.

But, let us get back to those points in Louis' fistic history which argue the formidability of the task attempted by him who hopes to beat Joe in a second encounter.

The nine fighters who have learned, to their sorrow, that beating Louis in a second fight was not feasible, are Billy Conn, Buddy Baer, Abe Simon, Arturo Godoy, Bob Pastor, Max Schmeling, Willie Davis, Lee Ramage, and Natie Brown.

Let me start the story of second fights right at the beginning.

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RAMAGE was the first opponent to discover that tackling Joe a second time was not too simple a maneuver.

In December, 1934, Louis knocked out Ramage in Chicago in the eighth round. Lee set up a howl for a return engagement. He got it, about two months later, in Los Angeles. Joe hit Ramage how and where and when he pleased and banged him out in the second. Joe was just coming along as a pro, Lee was an experienced ring trouper with plenty of knowhow.

In the first fight, Ramage looked like an opponent. In the second, he was a boxing dummy. Louis called every shot tried by Lee.

The two Louis encounters with Davis weren't much. Joe belted a soporific into Davis in three rounds, in their first scrap in Chicago, in July, 1934. In May, 1935, in Los Angeles, Davis

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Exhibitions in England	$80,000.00
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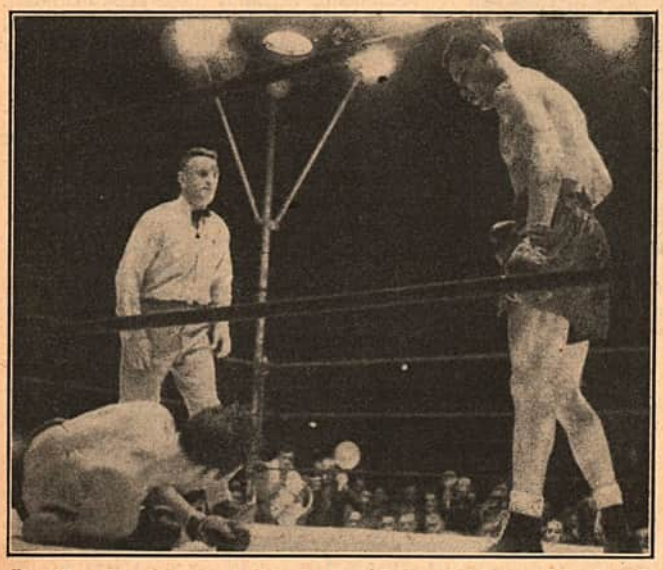

Louis' top performance in a return bout was his quick demolition of Max Schmeling, the only man to defeat him in the professional ring.

found that Joe could tie him into knots, and hit him at will. Result—a stoppage in the second heat.

Louis' two fights with Natie Brown were two years apart. In the first, in Detroit in March, 1935, Brown lasted the ten round limit. It was quite a fight.

However, when Brown tried to reverse the verdict, at Kansas City on February 17, 1937, it was plain murder. Louis played with Brown a while and, in the fourth, pasted him into complete submission.

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THE Brown Bomber's fourth demonstration of his second-shot effectiveness came in the 1938 scrap with the man whom Joe always has referred to as "Smellin'."

After that came the second fight with Pastor, which was a dilly. Certainly the running match which Robert put on in his first meeting with Louis did not presage the terrific encounter which developed from their second meeting. It was scheduled to go 20 rounds and was not expected to last anywhere near the 11 it produced.

Pastor had one of the craftiest managers boxing has seen, the late Jimmy Johnston.

Johnston knew what Louis could do, to a nicety, and he also had a complete book on his own man.

So he put Bob on roller skates in a ten rounder in the Garden in New York. Louis looked goshawful that night, and not because he was terrible, or wasn't trying. As a matter of fact he was desperate.

Pastor kept running and Joe had to hit the moving target. He was not good at it.

In the return go in Detroit, Pastor just could not stage a second running race. He would have been mobbed by the more exacting and less sympathetic crowd. In New York, Pastor was fighting before his New York supporters. In Detroit, Bob was in Joe's own bailiwick. Pastor was knocked down three times in the first round, five times in all.

Pastor had to stand and fight, and in that sort of going, a knockout for Bob was inevitable. The punishment Pastor assimilated in those eleven rounds did much to hasten his retirement.

Billy Conn, who came so close to beating the champion in one bout, proved an easy victim when Joe caught up to him the second time.

Number of Title-Defense Battles Fought by Holders of World's Heavyweight Championship Since the Defeat of John L. Sullivan by James J. Corbett, September 21, 1892

Jim Corbett—2	Gene Tunney—2
Bob Fitzsimmons—1	Max Schmeling—2
Jim Jeffries—8	Jack Sharkey—1
Tommy Burns—16	Primo Carnera—3
Jack Johnson—10	Max Baer—1
Jess Willard—1	Jim Braddock—1
Jack Dempsey—6	Joe Louis—25

THE next double engagement for Louis was against the Chilean Godoy.

Their first meeting took place in New York on February 9, 1940. The distance was 15 rounds, and 15 rounds the match lasted.

Tommy Farr, the Welsh coal miner, Godoy and Jersey Joe Walcott are the only battlers who have lasted the scheduled distance of 15 rounds with Louis, and Pastor was able to go the limit of ten. They are the only four scrappers who have gone the limit with Louis in his championship tenure—an amazing record, especially when you consider the frequency with which the title holder has defended his laurels.

The Louis-Godoy meeting indoors was something like Joe's Garden engagement with Pastor.

The Chilean ran, and then he ran some more. He did a lot of posing with that peculiar crouch of his. Arturo refused to set himself as a target, and Louis went daffy trying to force the South American to make a stand.

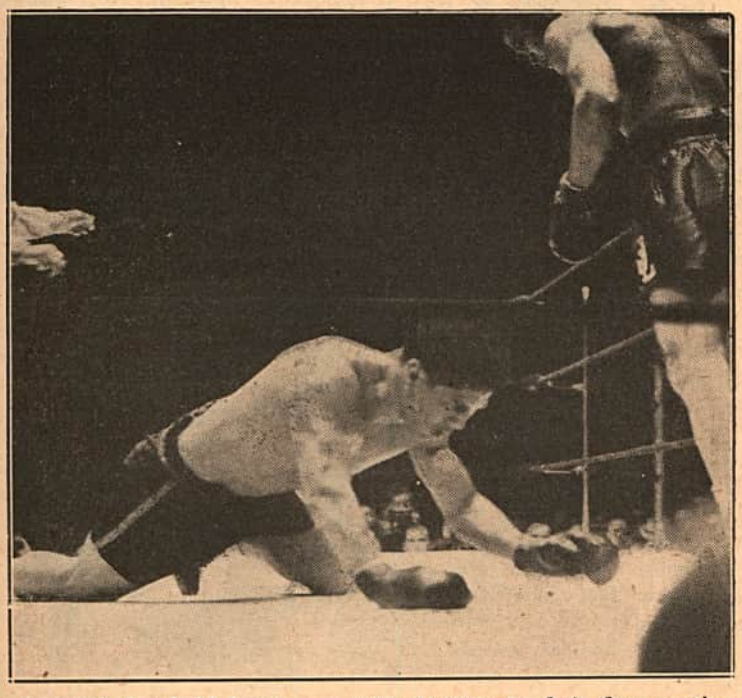
Well, that camera mind of Joe's kept making pictures as the Chilean kept running.

When they met for the second time, Louis was ready for Godoy, and knocked him silly in eight heats.

Next on the list of second-shot victims of Louis was gargantuan Abe Simon. In Detroit in March 1941, Simon carried Joe into round 13. In New York, on March 27, 1942, large Abe was belted out in the sixth.

Louis' two fights with Buddy Baer make very interesting reminiscing. Joe had the pleasure of tackling Maxie only once. That wasn't much of a fight. But Buddy made things more interesting for the champion.

Louis' first fight with the younger Baer came on May 23, 1941, in the Washington ball park. It wound up in turmoil. Buddy was disqualified that *(Continued on page 40)*



Arturo Godoy held Louis to a split decision in their first meeting, but this photograph shows what happened to the Chilean in their encore engagement.

John Roxborough

ROXBOROUGH TALKS SHOP

Louis' Manager, in Reminiscent Mood, Discusses Interesting Sidelights on Champion's Early Days in the Ring

By JOHN S. STUART

TEN years have passed since Joe Louis took over the heavyweight title. As the hour approaches for what looks like the most formidable threat to his extended reign, thoughts drift back to the distant beginnings of his rise to fame. Louis may belt out Jersey Joe Walcott in a hurry but on the other hand he may find himself an ex-champion along about midnight of June 23.

It seems so far away now, the year of 1934, when Louis started his professional career. Well, here we are 13 years later in 1948, with Louis' crown teetering as never before. Thoughts of Joe's early days were coursing through the mind of John Roxborough, pioneer power in the Louis career, as he sat in the offices of the Twentieth Century S.C. following the completion of arrangements for the Walcott fight.

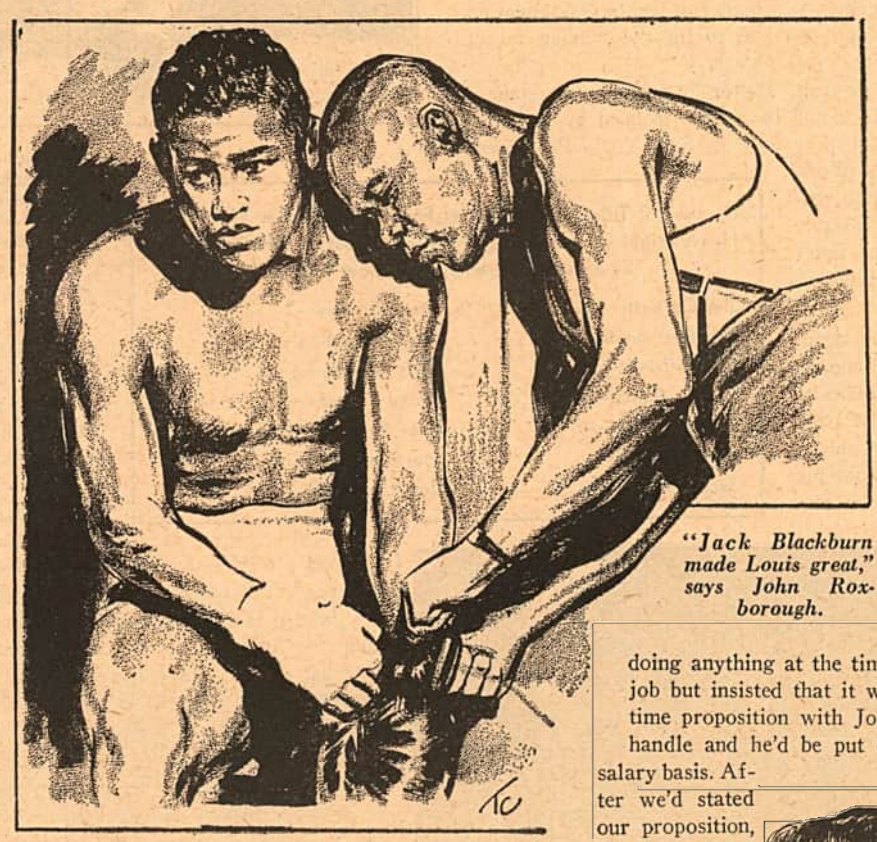
Roxborough was there at the start. He had realized Louis' potentialities at once. A squint at Joe in an amateur fight—which he lost by the way—was all he needed. John lost little time contacting this potent prospect. Shortly after young Joe departed the teeming Louis-Barrow bailiwick for the less congested quarters of Roxborough.

"Joe's mother got so she used to call Joe my son," the Detroiter laughed.

Many have wondered why Louis went on to such heights in the ring when not a few others of equal or greater ability as amateurs fell by the wayside.

The recent petering out of Bob Foxworth is a good example of this. The ex-Wisconsin collegian looked every bit as good as Louis did as an amateur. Stanley Evans and Clinton Bridges, home town rivals, both of whom beat Joe in the simon pure ranks, got nowhere as pros. Big Lorenzo Pack and clever, hard hitting Johnny Whiters, two more Motor City marvels as amateurs fizzled out as professionals.

BUDDY MOORE, the New Yorker who was touted as better than Louis in the Golden Gloves, hardly got out of the prelims. All of these had records at least as good as Louis, as amateurs. Just why did Joe go on to become an all-time pugilistic great, when all of these fell by the wayside?



"Jack Blackburn made Louis great," says John Roxborough.

Roxborough's answer was prompt. "Jack Blackburn!", was his emphatic reply. "He deserves the credit for making Louis the great fighter he became. He was far and away the best boxing teacher. Bear in mind he did the same thing with Sammy Mandell and Bud Taylor. There was no more clever boxer than Mandell, no better little fellow than Taylor."

"After I formed a partnership with Julian Black in Chicago, he brought Blackburn around to see us. Jack wasn't doing anything at the time. We offered him the job but insisted that it would have to be a full time proposition with Joe the only fighter he'd handle and he'd be put on a full time regular salary basis. After we'd stated our proposition, Jack hollered, 'Well, I never trained one o' them before.'

"Just what do you mean?", I said, "one of them-what?"

" 'One o' them there amateurs, that's what', said Jack, and everybody laughed. We knew that Jack had never trained a Negro before and we figured that's what he was

Was a Joe Louis Booster from the start.

referring to."

"Well," continued Roxborough, "Jack took Joe in hand right away and a few days later he called me up excitedly, 'Say,' he yelled over the phone, 'this fellow is gonna be a great fighter!'

"Blackburn was right of course, but in some of those first fights back in '34 and '35 Joe had his troubles, believe me. Do you know that Joe got just 50 dollars for the hardest punch he was ever hit! That happened in his first pro fight in Detroit back in '34 against Alex Borchuk. In the East, I think he was known as Al Delaney. He drove Joe's lip through his teeth with a punch but Joe came right back to knock him out in two rounds just the same. That's really the fight that convinced me he was going to be the fighter he turned out to be."

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"THAT wasn't the only hard early one, either," Roxborough continued. "Adolph Wiater hit Joe in the stomach and knocked all the wind out of him for the rest of the fight. Joe had to forget about trying to knock out Wiater, a tough kid, and he had to box the rest of the way. He got the decision but it was close."

"Lee Ramage was a lot of trouble too, wasn't he?" put in the interviewer.

"I should say he was, and that's one fight that Blackburn really won," said Roxborough. "Lee was scientific and he kept his left hand in Joe's face for six rounds. When Joe came back to his corner at the end of the sixth he said to Blackburn, 'What I gonna do with this boy, he keeps his left glove in my eye all night?' 'Hit him on the elbow and make him drop his arm!' said Jack.

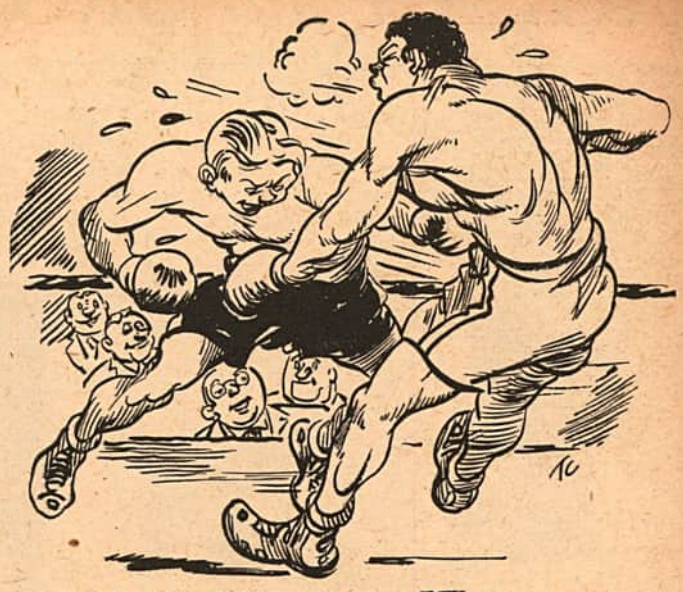
"In the next round Joe hit Ramage on the elbow, he dropped his arm and Joe nailed him."

A lot of people have claimed to be the first to discern the extent of Louis' ability. Once and for all Roxborough discloses that far and away the first well known boxing figure to realize Louis' impending greatness was Barney Ross.

"From the very first time that he saw him, Ross said Louis was the best big man he'd ever seen. He never changed that opinion. I recall a funny incident along those lines. Joe was just starting out and old King Levinsky was the big noise in Chicago at that time. Joe, Ross, and the King were all training in the same gym in Chicago. The King had a big golden crown painted on the door of his locker. One day in the locker room Barney looked at Joe, pointed to the crown and laughed. Joe laughed back, said to Barney, "Yeah, I see, only thing is, that crown's gonna belong to me."

"Ross not only went around town raving over Louis to everybody, he was the man who kept Mike Jacobs posted about Louis. He wrote letter after letter to Mike about Joe. He cleaned up on

"See that crown, Joe?" said Barney Ross. "Yeah, and it's going to belong to me!", replied Louis.



Adolph Wiater hit Joe in the stomach and knocked the wind out of him.

all of Joe's first fights. No matter what the odds, he and his friends bet plenty every time Joe fought. When Joe boxed Massara in the Coliseum, Massara was a 5 to 1 favorite. Ross made a killing.

"After that fight some big Chicago gamblers offered us pieces of the bets they won, but it's always been our policy to never do any betting on any of Joe's fights."

Charley Massara was 5-1 over Joe when they met in 1934.

The famous old time fistic firm of Jim Mullen and Nate Lewis played a prominent part in Louis' early days. Throughout the country many believed this pair could have tied Louis up as Mike Jacobs did later. What happened here?

"Nothing," says Roxborough. "Everyone out that way wanted an exclusive on Joe. Ross talked his managers Pian and Winch into offering us big money for an interest in him. We refused, although let me say here, I have great respect for Pian and Winch and I really believe that they would have done equally as good a job with Joe, but we weren't ready to tie up with anyone at the time.

"Mullen and Lewis made some good matches for Joe but that was as far as their interests in him went. Joe had been knocking everybody over so fast in the little places he quickly became a tremendous card in Chicago and helped pull Lewis and Mullen out of the red."

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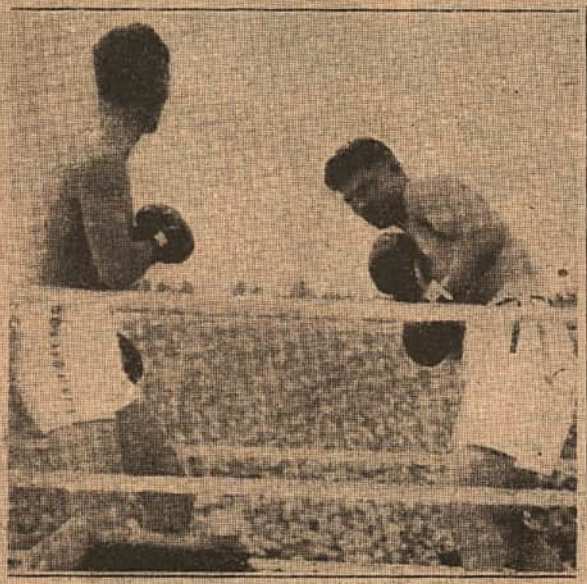
"PEOPLE are surprised to learn that my connection with boxing goes back to World War I," said Roxborough. "Damon Runyon once asked me how I came to be mixed up with boxing and when I told him I used to promote boxing shows in the old Dunbar Athletic Club in Detroit from 1917 to 1921, his eyes popped. When I went on to say that I had had a lot of dealings with Leo P. Flynn he said, 'That explains everything, no wonder you know the score so well. Anybody who had anything to do with old Leo had to learn plenty. For some of our shows Leo would send in the one side of the whole card. That helped us quite a lot, we'd just match all of Leo's fighters with local boys and there was the show."

Roxborough's speech, attire, and manners stamp this graduate of the University of Michigan as an unusual fight manager.

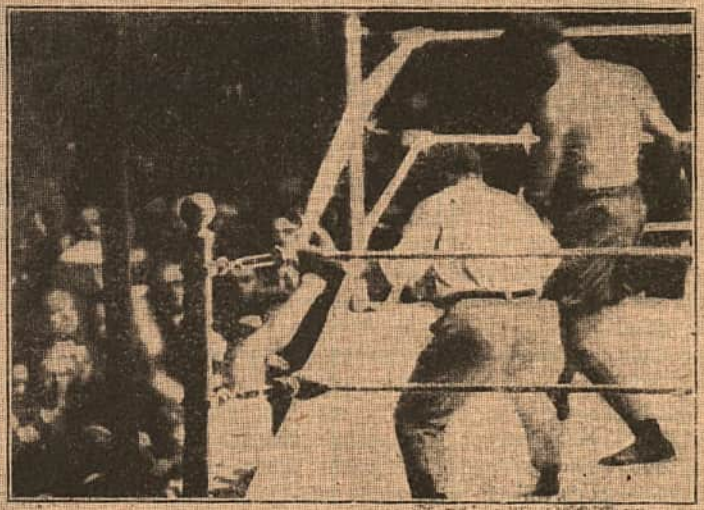
Roxborough's guidance of Joe through the formative years of his career is a pattern to follow in the upbringing of a boy who had been denied the ordinary privileges and opportunities in the beginning. Little wonder that Joe says, "Roxborough has been like a father to me. I'm sticking with him to the end."

FIGHTS *that* GROSSED *a* MILLION

IN the photos below are the principals of the world heavyweight championship fights which grossed a million or more dollars. There were five such contests in the history of pugilism, though the record books list seven. Jack Dempsey was a contestant in the five bouts in which the total receipts without any radio or movie rights, went into seven figures. The other two bouts, the Louis-Max Baer and the Louis-Schmeling second contest, grossed more than a million with the extras added to the gate receipts. The bouts in which Dempsey figured were those with Carpentier, Firpo, Sharkey, and two fights with Tunney.



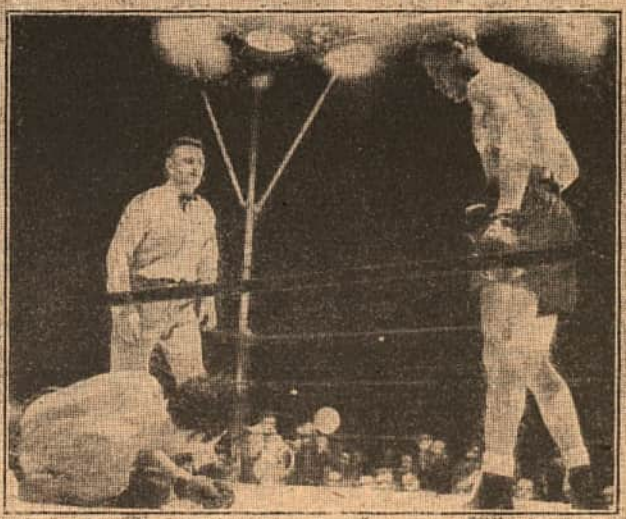
July 2, 1921—Carpentier (left), vs. Dempsey-Jersey City. Dempsey won by a knockout in four rounds.



Sept. 14, 1923—Dempsey vs. Firpo—New York City. Dempsey kayoed Firpo in two rounds. Here we see the Manassa Mauler going through the ropes.

Sept. 27, 1927—Tunney vs. Dempsey in Chicago. Tunney won in ten rounds. Tunney is seen taking the "long count."

June 22, 1938—Schmeling vs. Louis. Joe kayoed Max in one round. Receipts including radio and pictures, $1,015,012.



June 18, 1941—Conn knocked out by Louis in 13th round. Receipts were $451,743. Will the Louis vs. Conn bout tonight with its crowd of 80,000, have the first three-million-dollar gate? You'll know the answer to-morrow.

MILLION DOLLAR GATES			CROWD	RECEIPTS	RINGSIDE
July 2, 1921	Dempsey-Carpentier	Jersey City	80,183	$1,789,238	$50.00
Sept. 14, 1923	Dempsey-Firpo	New York	82,000	1,188,603	50.00
Sept. 23, 1926	Tunney-Dempsey	Philadelphia	120,757	1,895,733	27.50
July 21, 1927	Dempsey-Sharkey	New York	75,000	1,083,530	27.50
Sept. 22, 1927	Tunney-Dempsey	Chicago	104,943	2,658,660	40.00
Sept. 25, 1935	Louis-Max Baer	New York	88,150	1,000,832	25.00
June 22, 1938	Louis-Schmeling	New York	70,000	1,015,012	40.00
June 19, 1946	Louis-Conn	New York	45,266	1,925,564	100.00

Number of Championship Bouts Fought by Heavyweight Kings

Joe Louis, who defends his crown against Joe Walcott, holds the record for the number of title defenses since John L. Sullivan lost his crown to James J. Corbett. Tommy Burns rates next to Louis and Jack Johnson is third. Here is the number for each champion:

James J. Corbett, 2; Bob Fitzsimmons, 1; James J. Jeffries, 8; Tommy Burns, 16; Jack Johnson, 10; Jess Willard, 1; Jack Dempsey, 6; Gene Tunney, 2; Max Schmeling, 2; Jack Sharkey, 1; Primo Carnera, 3; Max Baer, 1; James J. Braddock, 1, and Joe Louis, 25.

LEGS *and the* FIGHTER

Roadwork One of the Most Important Items in Training—in Sport, Footwork Plays Major Role

By JIM JENNINGS

Georges Carpentier, who took ballet lessons in order to strengthen his limbs.

IT was some years ago, and the New York Rangers, finished with their pre-season hockey training for the day, were loafing around the lobby of their hotel in Winnipeg. Some of the old-timers—Lester Patrick, Herb Gardiner, Frank Boucher, Bill Cook and Butch Keeling—were reminiscing about their experiences. An interested listener was Joe Cooper, a youngster just breaking into the big time.

After the group had disbanded, Cooper was asked by one of the other players if he had learned anything listening to the veterans.

"I sure did," replied Joe. "I learned that hockey is a helluva game. It takes you ten years to learn the business, and by that time your legs are gone."

Cooper's observation could have covered considerably more territory than hockey. It could have covered practically every branch of athletic effort. Not only in hockey, but in baseball, football, track and field, tennis, basketball and boxing, legs play a vital role in the success, or failure, of the individual.

Once the legs begin to lose the speed, strength and resiliency of youth, it is the beginning of the end for the athletic career of their owner.

Particularly does this apply to boxing. The legs generally are the first things to "go" on a leather-pusher. He still may retain his cleverness, his speed of hand, and his ring generalship, but if his legs are unable to cooperate with the rest of him, a large part of his effectiveness, both on offense and defense, definitely is lost.

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MALE legs are an uninteresting subject which probably is the reason trousers were invented. Yet, one false step by either Joe Louis or Jersey Joe Walcott in their title bout may decide the result in the gain or loss column of several millions of dollars in the future. Talk about watching your step!

In any sport in which footwork plays an important part, the athlete is finished as a player when his legs lose elasticity, strength and speed. Louis was convinced of that when he last clashed with Jersey Joe. His challenger kept running around the ring, sneaking a punch over here and there and twice dropping the title holder, but try as the champ did to catch up with his man, his legs wouldn't travel properly. The reason? He's getting old and his legs just cannot stand the strain.

His most recent trip abroad didn't do him much good. To prepare for the kind of fight which Jersey Joe gave him the first time and is sure to give him again, Louis should have gone off into the woods shortly after he signed for the new engagement and chopped wood, hiked and done a lot of roadwork. Instead, he did a lot of traveling, putting a severe strain on his legs, thus again displaying contempt for the man who came within a hairsbreadth of relieving the Bomber of his crown.

Louis still has his punch. He can end a fight with a solid wallop. But can he race around the ring to catch a fleeing opponent? The answer is definitely no and if Jersey Joe should adopt the same tactics for the second fight as he did for the last one, Louis is cooked.

Though Jersey Joe is as old as Louis, he is faster, has limber-limbs as he proved last December and will rely on those to dance inside or away from the champion's dangerous mitts and to flit past Joe's guard on the offense. Louis can clout as hard as he ever has, but it must be remembered that he has to possess speed to corner an adversary for the kill. Has he got that now? The answer again is definitely no. To beat Jersey Joe this time he'll have to depend solely on the wallop.

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CONTRAST the conditioning methods employed by fighters today with those employed by such ancient stalwarts as Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Joe Gans, Battling Nelson, Stanley Ketchel, Frank Erne, Matty Matthews, Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy among other greats.

They knew from bitter experience, following bouts of 25 rounds and more, the toll taken of faltering legs, lack of stamina in a long, bruising mill and what happened when they tired against a better trained fighter of equal skill and punch.

Fitzsimmons, Jeffries and Corbett, all heavyweights, considered a daily gallop of 10 miles, nothing more than a breather.

Veteran boxing writers can cite many instances in which championships have been saved by controlled, sturdy legwork. The most noteworthy was Gene Tunney's frenzied back-pedalling following the famous long count knockdown by Jack Dempsey in their return title bout at Chicago, Sept. 22, 1927.

Tunney's strict training schedule had prepared him thoroughly for that emergency. Long daily jaunts over rugged dirt roads and mountain paths for six months preceded the contest. Gene invariably concluded a seven-mile run by sprinting backwards for a few hundred yards. This new stunt was considered a joke by boxing writers and trainers. It paid off to the value of $1,000,000.

In sharp contrast to the Spartan mode of training used by Tunney, Dempsey, despite the fact that he had been out of the ring for three years, made a mere gesture at attempting to rejuvenate his rusty limbs and should have been a vivid example to both Conn and Louis who were absent from real ring action two years longer than was the Manassa Mauler, when he began workouts.

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What *is* "Old"?

Records Prove that Louis, Walcott, Zale, Lesnevich Ortiz and Other Reigning Veterans Are "Kids" Compared to Old-Time Ring Stars

By JERSEY JONES

THE Old-Timer snorted.

"All you read and hear these days," he said, "is a lot of doddering old codgers cluttering up the boxing rings, when they should be home, collecting social security, and minding their grandchildren.

"Look at all the tears being shed for poor old Joe Louis, practically a decrepit wreck at 34, defending his heavyweight title against another ancient relic, Jersey Joe Walcott, whose age has been variously estimated at anywhere from 34 to 40!

"And Tony Zale, another creaking oldster at 34, making an effort to regain his middleweight title from Rocky Graziano!

"The guy who rates first shot at the Graziano-Zale winner is 31-year-old Marcel Cerdan.

"Gus Lesnevich, considered a museum piece at 33, still is the light-heavyweight boss.

"And the best bantam in the world is Manuel Ortiz, a wizened old dolt of 31.

"Listening to these weepers, you'd think that when a guy hits the 30-year mark in this boxing business, he should retire to his flower garden and apply for old-age pension.

"Nuts!

"Just check back through the records, and you'll find that many of boxing's all-time greats were still plying their trade, and doing well at it, when they were a lot older than Louis, Walcott, Zale, Cerdan, Lesnevich, Ortiz and the rest of our modern crop of ancient mariners."

The Old-Timer paused a moment to re-fuel for the next assault.

"I don't have to remind you of Bob Fitzsimmons," he said. "How Ruby Robert won the heavyweight title at 35 is a story that's been told and re-told so often it's practically worn out. But something that isn't mentioned so frequently is that Fitz was 41 when he copped the light-heavy title, and 54 when he fought his last ring battle.

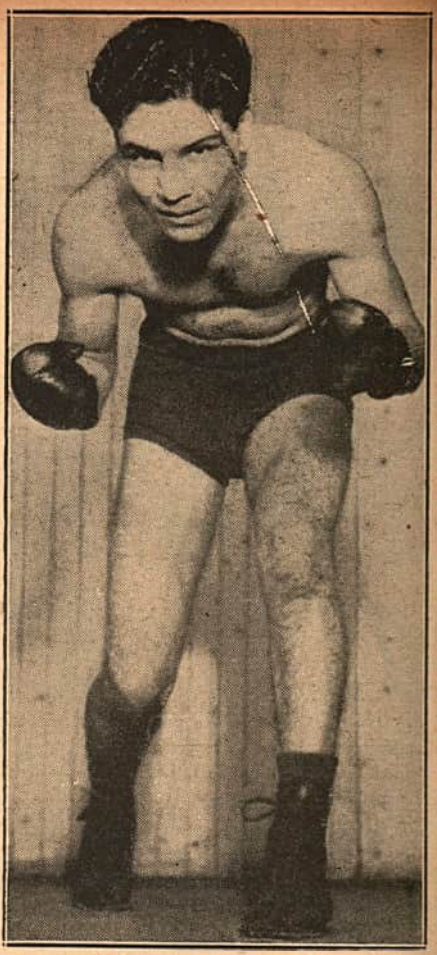
"Fitz, of course, was an amazing character, but his case isn't exactly an isolated one in boxing."

The Old-Timer continued:

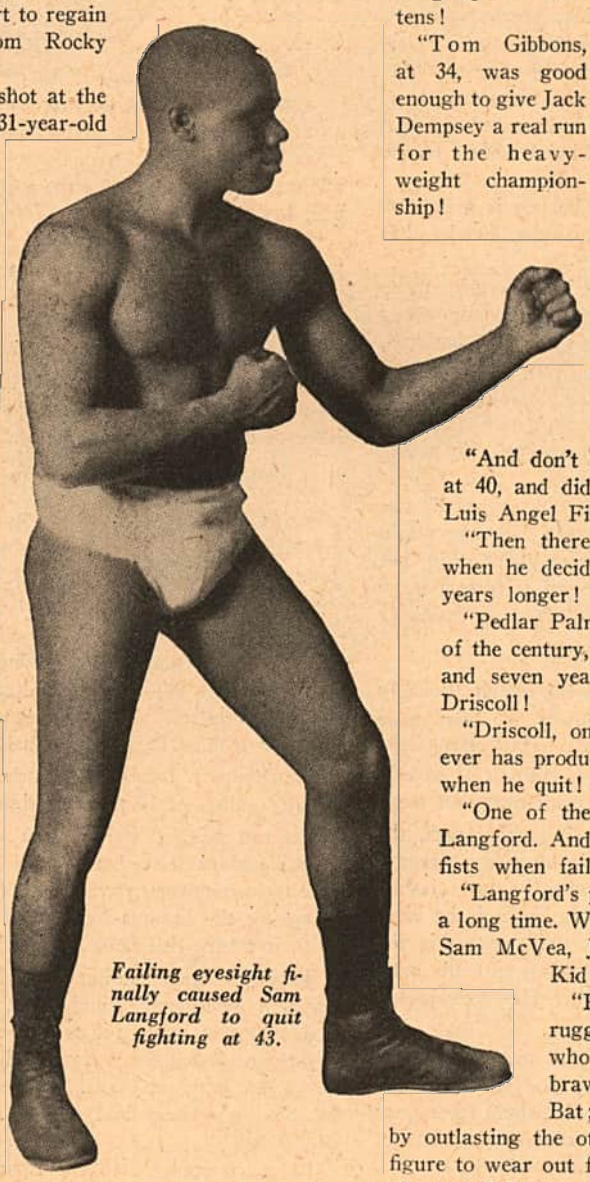
"Jack Johnson was 44 when he made his last official appearance with the gloves—and won a ten-rounder!

"Jack Britton was 35 when he dropped the welterweight title to Mickey Walker, and he kept going for another ten years before he finally decided to hang up the mittens!

"Tom Gibbons, at 34, was good enough to give Jack Dempsey a real run for the heavyweight championship!



31-year-old bantam champion Manuel Ortiz would be "youngster" by old standards.



Failing eyesight finally caused Sam Langford to quit fighting at 43.

"And Tom's brother, the dazzling Mike, was still whipping top middleweights when he retired at 34!

"And don't forget Jess Willard, who staged a comeback at 40, and did all right for himself until he bumped into Luis Angel Firpo.

"Then there were those Twin Sullivans. Mike was 35 when he decided to call it a career—and Jack lasted nine years longer! He didn't stop until he was 44.

"Pedlar Palmer, one of Britain's top bantams at the turn of the century, was still a headliner when he retired at 36—and seven years later, at 43, he came back to box Jem Driscoll!

"Driscoll, one of the most polished performers the ring ever has produced, also lasted quite a spell. Driscoll was 38 when he quit!

"One of the real all-time greats of the ring was Sam Langford. And Ol' Tham was still tossing a mean pair of fists when failing eyesight made him stop at 43!

"Langford's pet playmates in those days also hung around a long time. When they called a halt, Joe Jeannette was 37; Sam McVea, Jeff Clarke and Harry Wills were 35, and Kid Norfolk was 32.

"Probably none of the old school had a more rugged, wearing career than Battling Nelson, who thrived during the era of gruelling marathon brawls. There was nothing fancy or flashy about Bat; he sopped up punishment, and usually won by outlasting the other guy. A fighter of Nelson's type would figure to wear out fast, wouldn't he? But the Bat kept plugging along until he was 33.

"Joe Walcott, after whom Jersey Joe has named himself, was another durable gent," the Old-Timer went on. "Walcott was still a pretty good fighter when he quit the ring at 39.

"Several of Walcott's rivals in those days also stayed around a few years. Dan Creedon, the Australian, was 38 when he retired; Mysterious Billy Smith was 32, and Tommy West 31.

Frank Slavin of Australia was 45 when he finally decided to call it quits.

"Australia was a great spot for turning out tough old campaigners. It probably was during his stay there, before he came to the United States, that Bob Fitzsimmons stored away the amazing stamina that enabled him to last so long. Compared to some of his contemporaries, Creedon was practically a youngster when he called a halt at 38. Frank Slavin, for instance, kept going until he was 45. And Torpedo Billy Murphy — or Australian Billy, as we called him here — didn't stop until he was 43!"

The Old-Timer was displaying no evident signs of slowing down. If anything, he seemed to be gathering momentum.

"Pass me that record book," he said, "and I'll toss some more names and figures at you.

"Let's see, now. Oh, yes. Fireman Jim Flynn, a tough old campaigner of the White Hope era, and the only fighter to ever knock out Jack Dempsey, was 44 when he quit tossing leather for a living.

"And we can't overlook Kid McCoy, one of the cleverest and trickiest boxers in ring history. The Kid traveled all over the globe, fought 'em all, from welterweight to heavyweight, and was still going strong when he called a halt at 37.

"Jack Blackburn, who played so vital a role in Joe Louis' development, was 40 when he made his last stand with the gloves and turned to training youngsters.

"Panama Al Brown was 39 when he hung up the mittens, and Earl Puryear was still good enough to step along with the top bantams when he retired at 36.

"One of the busiest and most colorful of 'em all, Johnny Dundee, was 39 and had been fighting for 23 years when he decided he'd had enough.

"Mike McTigue was 38 when he wound up his ring career, and Johnny Kilbane was 34 when he quit after losing the featherweight title.

"Joe Gans, George Dixon, George (Elbows) McFadden, Tommy Burns, Freddie Welsh, Jeff Smith, Leach Cross, Paulino Uzcudun, Mickey Walker, Gunboat Smith, Porky Flynn, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Harry Lewis, and Maxie Rosenbloom were only some of the many others who were around the 35-year mark, and even beyond it, when they stopped their knuckle-dusting.

"Here," said the Old-Timer, "wade through the record book yourself, and you'll be surprised at the many good fighters who were doing business after they'd passed their 30th birthdays."

The Old-Timer could have mentioned one fighter who didn't start professional boxing until he was 30, yet went on to become a double champion—American flyweight and world bantamweight.

Johnny Buff started fighting at 30, yet won two titles.

HE was Johnny Buff, of Jersey City.

Buff, a blond Pole, with a short clipped pompadour so popular with ringmen in those days, had done some boxing during an eight-year hitch in the Navy, and upon his discharge in 1919 he thought he'd like to take a crack at the pro end of the trade.

Flyweights didn't mean much in the American boxing scheme of things at the time, and the little fellows often had to step in with the heavier bantams to keep active.

But the visit of the world champion, Jimmy Wilde, late in 1919, stirred up interest in the wee 'uns, and uncovered a fine assortment in Buff, Frankie Mason, Johnny Rosner, Patsy Wallace, Young Zulu Kid, Abe Goldstein, Battling Murray, Jockey Joe Dillon and Indian Russell.

When Wilde returned to Britain in 1920, after a brilliant campaign in American rings, a series of elimination bouts throughout the country was staged to determine a national champion.

The tourney finally narrowed down to four candidates—Buff, Mason, Goldstein and Wallace.

The quartet swung into the semi-final round on the same night. Buff and Mason were paired in New Orleans and Goldstein was teamed with Wallace at the Pioneer Club in New York.

Buff decisioned Mason in fifteen rounds, and Goldstein flattened Wallace in the seventh.

Two months later—on March 30, 1921—the two finalists hooked up at Manhattan Casino, across the street from the Polo Grounds, and Buff became the first official American flyweight champion by knocking Goldstein out in the second. The Jersey blond was then three months short of his 33rd birthday.

Buff's success had not been confined exclusively to flyweight conquests. Johnny had often gone out of his class to tangle with bantams, and among those he had beaten were Midget Smith, Frankie Daly, Eddie O'Dowd, Jabez White and the French veteran, Charley Ledoux.

So it wasn't altogether surprising when Tex Rickard selected Buff as Pete Herman's opponent in a world bantam title

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Fireman Jim Flynn, who knocked out Jack Dempsey, fought until he was 44.

Laughs, Drama, Color *in* Heavyweight Title Bouts

By TED CARROLL

FEW events attract as much world wide attention as do heavyweight championship bouts. Outside of such happenings as presidential elections, royal coronations, even declarations of war, the world spotlight focuses on big title matches with a greater glare than it does on almost anything else one might mention. Only the Olympic Games are in the same class with boxing so far as international sports are concerned. As a rule contending for boxing's biggest prize is a dead serious business with laughs few and far between once the gong sends the contestants into action for a prize worth a million dollars.

In all the long line of championship scraps since John L. Sullivan's time, there has only been one conspicuous exception to the usual severity of the occasion, the time that Max Baer fought Primo Carnera for the title. Miles of copy have been written about the participants in this nightmarish melee. Other men past and present may have struggled for the heavyweight crown as though the fate of mankind depended on the outcome, but to Maxie Baer, the night he finally hit Carnera so hard he broke his ankle, the fight was one huge joke.

Primo Carnera wasn't a bad boxer for one of his unwieldy bulk, but he was strictly an ersatz one. He had mastered the use of his left hand pretty well and he had a short right hand uppercut in close, taught him by Jack Johnson, that hurt quite a bit, but none of this came naturally to the amiable giant from Sequals. When the big fellow was hit solidly on the chin, all his synthetic boxing ability fled to the four winds and he became a mountainous mass of disjointed action.

His huge legs moved in all directions at once while his arms flailed helplessly about him like a man fighting off a swarm of bees with boxing gloves. In the very first round Baer tagged him with one of his roundhouse rights. The giant's co-ordination vanished and from then on he fumbled and stumbled through the remaining ten rounds.

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INSTEAD of putting a decisive end to things as he could well have done, Max Baer elected to reduce things to farcical proportions, as he kidded and joked with ringsiders, imitated his harried foe, made faces, and stopped repeatedly to stick out his chest and pull up his trunks. Several times both men tumbled to the canvas on which occasions Baer yelled, "Last one up is a sissy!"

Ringsiders looked on in amazement as the burlesque bumbled on finally reaching a conclusion with Baer making Carnera's disintegration complete with a haymaker that turned the big man around in such fashion that he twisted his ankle when he crashed onto the canvas in the eleventh round. A fitting finale for a fantastic fandango!

As we have previously stated heavyweight title fighting is grim going. Such monkey business as Baer-Carnera is a lone exception. Jack Johnson smiled often during the course of his title matches, but the grin belied the quality of his boxing which was coldly scientific and artful.

If the Baer-Carnera bamboozle hit a new high for hilarity, the second Louis-Schmeling meeting went to the other extreme. For deadpan seriousness this one was without equal and that's saying a lot.

Both men entered the ring for this one as though the woes of the centuries were upon their shoulders the evening of June 22, 1938. Joe Louis, once the battle starts, is possibly the most humorless fighter of all time and the stolid German wasn't far behind.

The events leading up to and setting for this one made it the most dramatic ever held. Rival idealogies, revenge, Schmeling's chance to regain his title—something never before accomplished—Louis' determination to even a bitter score, all this created unusual tension.

Schmeling, an always somber fellow, seemingly had lost some of the cocksureness evident in his first meeting with Louis in favor of a deeper thoughtfulness than he had ever shown before. All the drama, pent up emotion, and tension was dissipated completely in less than three minutes as Louis, fighting with icy intensity, battered the German into submission.

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ALL the hopes of those beaten and buffeted by fate seemed wrapped in the attempt of James J. Braddock, a man who had come back, the June night in 1935 he entered the ring to box Baer for the title. Here was truth making fiction seem far fetched in what was the greatest human interest story ever told of the prize ring. The aging, washed up light-heavyweight, a tenement house caretaker with a family on relief just one year before, now fighting for the heavyweight championship of the world! Thousands must have gained new hopes and inspiration from what happened in the ring over in Long Island the night James J. Braddock, the Cinderella Man of pugilism, won the world's title.

For sheer excitement, the Dempsey-Firpo bout still is and probably always will be the tops. The Louis-Galento slam bango had 'em yelling for four thrill packed sessions, but for concentrated knockdown and drag-out brawling, it's safe to say there'll never be another Dempsey-Firpo fight. Firpo was a crude boxer, but he had plenty of heart and a poleaxing right that could floor an elephant.

Dempsey fought with even greater recklessness than usual the night he boxed the Argentinian and this was right down Firpo's alley. Many say, and they include some of Dempsey's close friends and supporters, that had 1948 rules been in force back in 1923, there might have been a new champion. On the floor no less than seven times in the first round, the South American still had enough left to smash the champion through the ropes and out of the ring, before he finally was beaten down in the second.

The men crammed twenty rounds of action in two, and it is no wonder that the Dempsey-Firpo fight remains the criterion by which all heavyweight fights are judged.

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THE magnitude and importance of the contest gives every big bout a splash of color but the ring was drenched with it the July afternoon France's Orchid Man, Georges Carpentier, made his bid for the world's title. Dempsey of course always was color personified and the Frenchman was the most glamorous boxer of them all. Today's bobby soxers would have swooned over the blond boulevardier with the finely chiselled features and the gracefully dynamic ring style.

Europe has never had an idol approaching Georges Carpentier. From the shabbiest street gamin in Paris right on up to the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales, Gorgeous Georges possessed an almost hypnotic attraction. Even in America he was the darling

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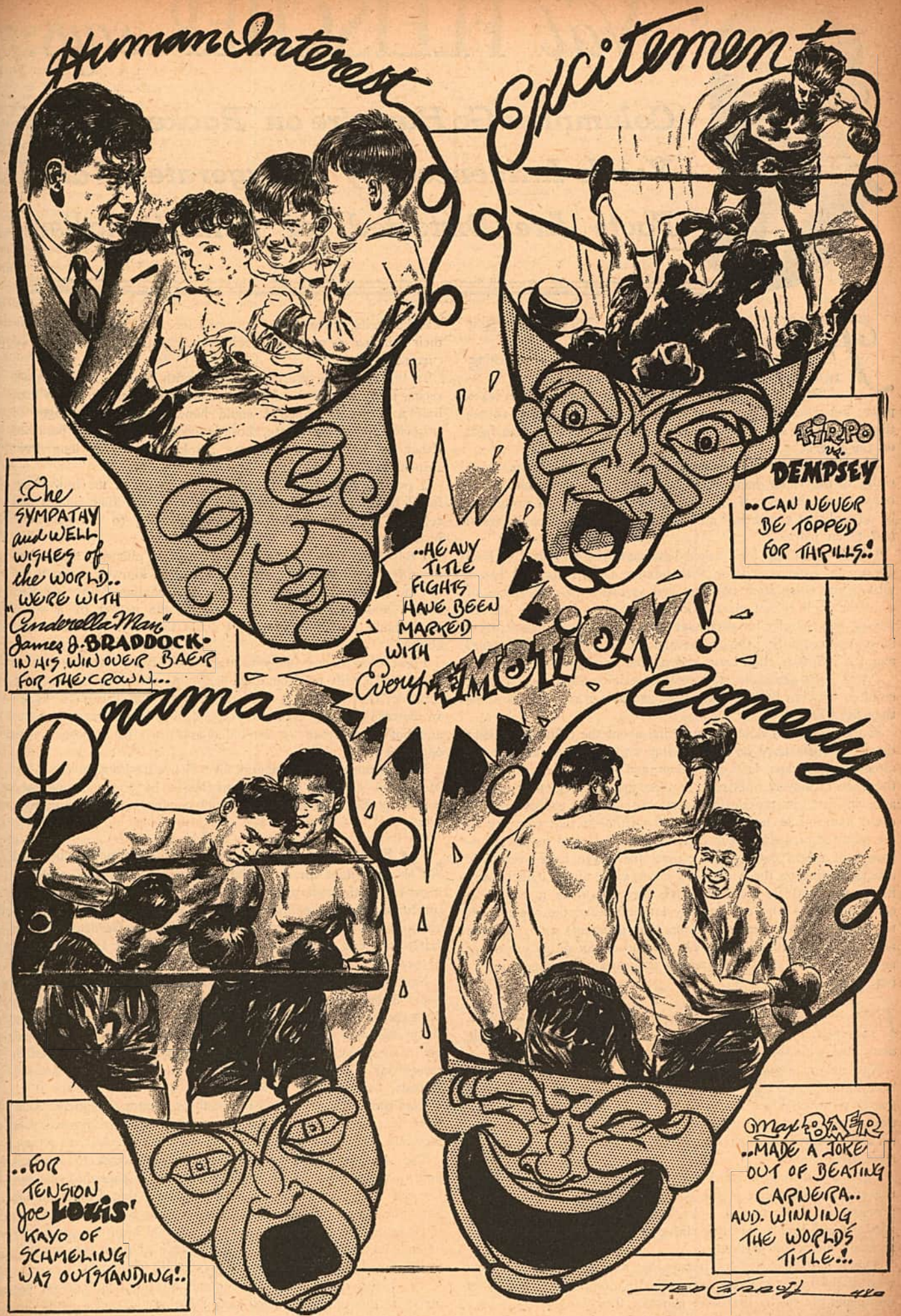
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TED CRAWFORD

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Columnists Go Haywire on "Racketeering"

Youth Influenced by Exaggerated Yarns

Facts Are Distorted for Sensationalism

FIGHT crowds are a funny lot. They come to fight arenas to see a knockout.

They pay the freight for the purpose of watching two men slug each other into insensibility.

They cheer to the echo when a slugging bee takes place. Yet when the haymaker is landed early in the first round, they invariably shake their heads and wonder: Was that fight on the level!

The discussion continues on the way out of the arena, especially if the victor happens to be a normally weak hitter and before long the cry of "fraud" is heard though no proof can be offered that can satisfy an impartial person that any collusion had taken place.

I have frequently been asked how many fake fights I've seen during my long association with boxing. Only recently I had a visit in my office from ten boys and as many girls, members of a junior high school class who had come to interview me on boxing in general with particular stress laid on the articles that have appeared during the past few months on "boxing racketeers" and the influence they have had on the fight game.

I was quite astonished to note the seriousness of my visitors, children between the ages of twelve and fifteen and the questions they fired at me.

If there was any doubt in my mind about the influence present day columnists have on the growing child, such doubt left me after the interview, lasting an hour and a half. Admitting that there are racketeers in boxing, as there are in every other sport—and, in fact, in practically every business or profession you could name—I at least convinced the children that contrary to the many stories they have read in magazines and in the newspapers of recent date on the control these men have over fistic affairs, boxing on the whole, is a clean, virile sport, with phoney fights few and far between, that they constitute a negligible quantity. Those who continuously knock boxing, those who seek to give the public the impression that gangsters rule pugilism and that this unruly element can fix and do fix fights are doing more harm than good in preaching this wrong premise to growing America.

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FOR every gangster who is listed by these scribes as a boxing racketeer, I can name 500 honest, peaceful, law-abiding people associated with the sport.

National magazines for months now have been featuring "racketeers" stories by some of America's foremost boxing and sports writers. Why? Because the editors feel that such sensational stories, harmful and unfair as they are to pugilism, as clean as any competitive sport carried on in this country, is a good circulation builder.

Facts are distorted. Names of offenders with few exceptions, are eliminated because of the possibility of libel action; the impression is given that a few skunks are the true rulers of fisticuffs and that a gambling clique controls referees and judges in many important battles.

This is so far fetched and untrue that were it not for the interview of the junior high school pupils, I wouldn't waste any space discussing the stories that have poisoned the minds of these boys and girls who sought some enlightenment on a public topic that was bothering them. They informed me that they were sent by their principal as part of the school program on the discussion of current topics.

In my forty-five years association with boxing, I don't recall seeing many fake or fixed fights. At most I can think of less than half a dozen to which I could honestly point the finger of suspicion and in every case, those involved were severely punished either by having their license revoked or by a long term suspension.

I pointed this out to the children who asked me how many faked fights I had witnessed and if it is true that judges and referees are often bribed to vote according to the gamblers' instructions.

I told them that it is so easy to detect a "phoney", that unless a fighter is an exceptionally fine actor, he knows he can never get away with a barney, hence so few in boxing. As for crooked judges and referees, I'd like to have the names of a dozen throughout the entire country. I doubt that any columnist could oblige.

Fight crowds are funny in their opinion on knockouts. If a kayo lands with a resounding slam, the onlookers are usually satisfied. If it appears to lack force, that's something else again. In the case of a pugilist noted for punching power, there's seldom any hostile criticism by the onlookers when he disposes of an opponent in jig time.

For instance, when sluggers like Bob Fitzsimmons or Terry McGovern dropped an opponent inside of a round, as they frequently did, there never was a kick coming from the spectators.

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A FEW weeks ago Lee Savold, who had not participated in a fight for more than six months and was generally regarded as through with the game, was pitted as a last minute substitute against the Italian heavyweight champion, Gino Buonvino, who in previous bouts in Madison Square Garden had done fairly well and was considered a cinch to defeat Lee. But what happened?

Savold came rushing out of his corner at the clash of the gong ready to toss everything he had in a desperate effort to end the fight early. He realized that he was ring rusty and that his only chance to come through with a victory was to rush his opponent off his feet. Well he did just that. He established a new Garden record for a knockout by landing the haymaker on Gino in 54 seconds.

Was there talk of a fake? Were the spectators skeptical? Was there hissing and booing because the fight crowd figured that they had been taken for a ride? On the contrary. All was serene.

The spectators who had paid their good dough to see that fight, many of whom were Italian admirers of Buonvino, cheered Lee for his great performance. They knew that Lee could hit but figured that he was so far gone because of the defeats suffered in his last performances, that he would be just a good trial horse who would enable Gino to advance another peg towards international recognition as a heavyweight contender.

But Lee fooled all hands. Though on the long end of the odds, he did the unexpected and there was no kick from the spectators.

BUT Savold's case was an exceptional one. Ordinarily such an ending to a heavyweight bout, except in the case of Joe Louis, would bring repercussions with cries of "fake".

Fight fans recall the case of Jack Delaney and Jack Sharkey in the Garden back in 1928. When Sharkey kayoed Delaney shortly after the men got into action, the cry of "fake" went up immediately and persisted for several weeks though there was nothing to support the theory. A single wallop will stop anyone if it hits the vital spot and it doesn't have to be a dynamite slug at that.

In 1907 Tommy Burns put Bill Squires, the Australian heavyweight champion, away before a California Club in 1:29 of the opening round, the record for a kayo in a world heavyweight championship bout. The blow was a right to the head, which looked as though it hit the man from the Antipodes on the temple. However that may have been, you could hear the "kerplunk" of Burns's glove as it struck the target and everyone was satisfied that the sock carried power enough to do the trick. Yet Burns, though a stiff puncher, was not exactly rated as a slugger extraordinary. But the "sound and fury" stuff goes a long way in convincing ring patrons that everything is okay.

You have never heard any doubts expressed as to whether a sockdologer delivered by Joe Louis is the real thing in the line of kayo medicine. Folks have grown so accustomed to seeing victims fall for the full count when the present world's heavyweight king lands on body or jaw with either right or left, that the element of surprise is completely lacking.

But when a comparatively light puncher happens to score a sensational early knockout suspicions as to the legitimate status of his exploit are generally sure to accumulate.

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GOING back into ancient fistic history, one recalls the classic battle between Kid McCoy and Jim Corbett on August 30, 1900, when the latter was declared winner on a knockout in the fifth round.

While it lasted that contest appeared to be a marvel of clever work by two of the ring's greatest scientists. If it was "in the bag," as generally believed at the time, a more perfectly staged fake never happened inside the ropes. McCoy went down in the fifth frame from a fast barrage of blows to the body. Referee Charley White didn't even bother to count, but waved Corbett to his corner, and tabbed him as victor.

Had the bout terminated with McCoy winning on a kayo, it would probably have been accepted as genuine. For the Kid was renowned for his terrific punching powers. But the fans simply couldn't stomach the notion of Jim Corbett, long famous for his tactics of wearing down an opponent by clever scientific methods, suddenly turning slugger so late in his ring career.

So, although the principals were duly paid for their exertions, and it was never officially proved that they participated in a clever "barney," a big majority of the fans persisted in the belief that they had been craftily fooled by two astute sleight-of-hand professors.

It may be noted, however, that Corbett possessed much greater punching power than was generally supposed. His record clearly shows that during his early ring career he was not averse to taking a slugging chance. For instance, there was his famous battle with Joe Choynski, when Corbett won on a knockout in the 28th round at Benicia, California, in 1889.

That engagement was a terrific slugging match from first to last. But Corbett bunged up his hands badly in that affair, and thereafter relied altogether on his superb science and lightning footwork to win his battles.

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SUCH examples of boxers discarding heavy hitting in favor of "safety first" methods are not uncommon. An outstanding instance is that of Abe Attell, one of the most scientific boxers that ever held the featherweight championship.

As an amateur Attell was celebrated for his punching strength and ability to finish off opponents in a hurry. During 1900, the first year of his professional career, he engaged in seventeen battles and scored quick knockouts in each case. Suddenly he appears to have realized that it was foolish to take chances and from then on, seldom went in for the heavy slugging stuff, contenting himself with victories won for the most part by decisions on points. He rated with Corbett as one of the world's most scientific boxers.

The fine art of faking doesn't flourish today as it certainly did in the past, thanks to the safeguards thrown around the sport by the supervision of boxing commissions and the better education of the fighters and fight fans. Conditions in the old times were favorable to the success of fixed fights, framed in conjunction with unscrupulous members of the gambling fraternity, but today there is very little of such. It is too dangerous to the welfare of fighter and manager to try to get away with it.

The most brazen fakes were pulled off in obvious fashion, so very transparent in audacity that the merest novice in ring lore wasn't deceived by them. It was just a case of—"the public be damned," and the perpetrators invariably got away with their swindling jobs. But not in the present era. Those days in my opinion, are gone forever. * * *

ABSOLUTELY the worst-managed and most flagrant case of faking on record in this country occurred when Joe Gans took a knockout in two rounds at Chicago, with Terry McGovern playing the victor role.

Gans, undeniably the hardest puncher among the lightweights, was naturally a heavy betting favorite. Had any other featherweight except McGovern offered to give away weight to Joe Gans, the match wouldn't have drawn a corporal's guard in point of numbers. But Terry had such a reputation as a killer that many fans believed he stood a good chance of winning in the six rounds scheduled for the contest.

The bout was billed as the star event of a Tattersalls show, sponsored by Lou Houseman, then Chicago's leading promoter. The nationally famous referee, George Siler, officiated as third man in the ring.

On the night of the battle the big Tattersalls arena was crammed to overflowing, so much so that police reserves had to be called out to control the huge crowd. At the first stroke of the gong McGovern rushed from his corner and tore into Gans with the tiger-like ferocity for which he was noted.

Those accustomed to see Joe counter a rush with straight lefts that had pile-driving force behind them, were astounded to see the Negro crack, slap feebly at the oncoming featherweight and allow Terry to drive him to the ropes time and again. McGovern kept on pounding Gans around the body and put him on the floor before half the round was over.

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GANS, supreme master of defense and sledge-hammer hitter, did nothing to check Terry's mad onsets. He was nothing but a human punching bag for the Brooklyn boy and it was only too evident that his only concern was to select a soft spot on which to repose.

Early in the second session the Negro crumpled up under a stomach bombardment of rights and lefts, sank to the canvas and stayed there, while Siler counted him out.

Then a regular riot broke out. The building reechoed to the infuriated yells of the spectators who, one and all, knew they had been cheated in the most bare-faced manner. Angry fans united in a rush for the ring, intent on handing out dire punishment to the boxers and were only checked when Pinkertons and city police united to halt the threatening hostilities. The locust clubs and blackjacks began to swing on the heads of the rioters, and finally order was restored.

The two principals, their managers and the referee were escorted from the ring by a police guard, a very necessary precaution under the circumstances.

On the day following the Chicago press, with one solitary exception, united in a withering denunciation of the most stupendous fistic fake that had ever occurred in the city's history. The exception referred to was the *Inter Ocean*, a morning daily of which promoter Houseman was sports editor.

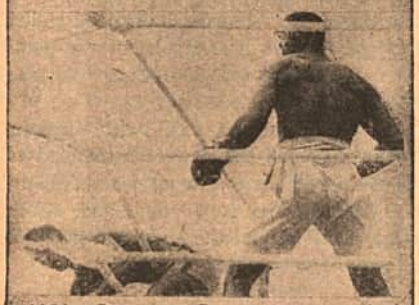
The city council went into action at once and passed an ordinance outlawing boxing contests in Chicago. Most of the council members, a sporty bunch, had *(Continued on page 39)*

HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTS

THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

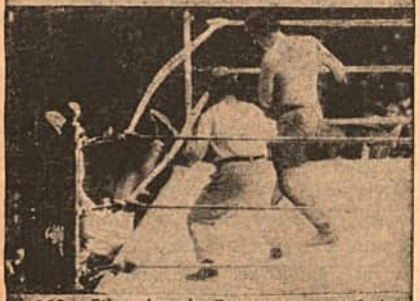
1907—Tommy Burns knocks out Bill Squires in 1 minute and 28 seconds.

1909—Jack Johnson knocks Stanley Ketchel cold in the 12th.



1921—Georges Carpentier vs. Jack Dempsey—the first Million Dollar Gate.

1923—Firpo, "The Wild Bull of the Pampas," vs. the ex-champ, Jess Willard.



1923—Firpo knocks Dempsey out of the ring—the red-letter day in boxing.

REGARDLESS of what happens in the return match between Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott, the rivals will have earned one unique distinction in the long, colorful history of heavyweight ring competition.

They will represent the "oldest" combination of champion and challenger ever paired in a championship match.

The previous "high" was set by Jack Johnson and Jess Willard in Havana in 1915. The ages of Johnson and Willard totalled approximately 68 years and four months. Louis and Walcott, when they clash at the Yankee Stadium in June, will gross nearly 68 years and six months.

Whether or not the bout itself will prove deserving of rating with heavyweight battles that "never will be forgotten" is, of course, something that remains to be seen. The rival Joes will have some tough marks at which to shoot.

There was, for instance, the downfall of the supposedly invincible John L. Sullivan at the hands of that young upstart, Jim Corbett.

And Corbett's defeat by Bob Fitzsimmons in the battle that immortalized the "solar plexus" punch.

One of the most dramatic of all title clashes was the one between Corbett and Jim Jeffries at Coney Island. Corbett was then 34, and generally regarded as "washed-up." He was conceded no chance against the powerful, youthful boilermaker. But Gentleman Jim proceeded to give Jeff a thorough boxing lesson for 22 rounds, and seemed certain to regain the championship when he became careless in the 23rd. As Corbett bounced off the ropes, he ran into a thunderous left hook that knocked him out.

Jeff figured in another dramatic spectacle when, at 35, and out of the ring six years, he was yanked from retirement to be annihilated by Jack Johnson.

Tommy Burns' unusual series with Bill Squires, which produced a real international background. Burns first flattened Squires in California, then in France, and finally in Bill's own Australia. Some guys need a lot of convincing.

Jack Johnson's spectacular knockout of middleweight Stanley Ketchel was another ne'er-to-be-forgotten chapter in heavyweight annals. "Li'l Arthur," as he was called, was dropped in the 12th. As he pulled himself to his feet, Ketchel rushed in to finish him. But Stanley piled headlong into a vicious right that nailed him flush on the chin and stretched him out, flat on his back, for the full count.

Jack Dempsey's massacre of big Jess Wil-

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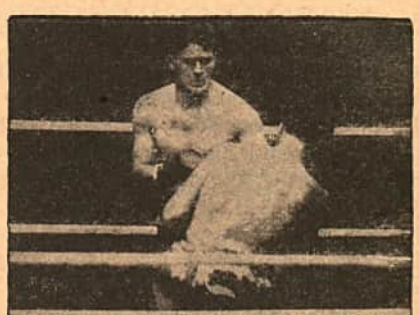
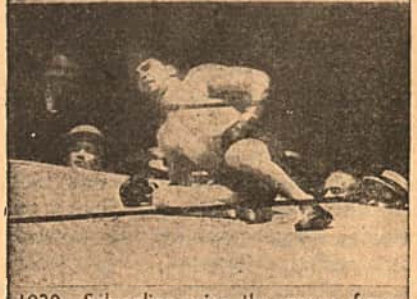


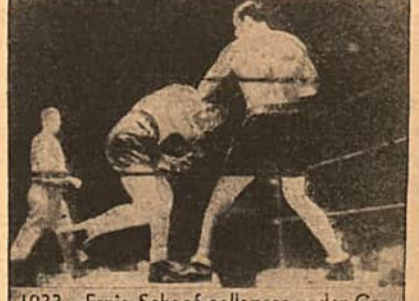
1926—Boxing's biggest upset in Philadelphia—Tunny beats Dempsey.

1927—Harry Wills proved no match for the Basque woodchopper, Paolino.

1927—Jack Dempsey vs. Gene Tunney—the famous "Long Count"



1930—Schmeling wins the crown from Sharkey on a foul.



1933—Ernie Schaaf collapses under Carnera's blows—to die.

REMINISCENCES

By RIGHT CROSS

THE recent record Garden knockout of Gino Buonvino by Lee Savold, recalls another such kayo by the New England welterweight champion of the early nineties, Dick O'Brien. There are many ardent fistic fans in the vicinity of Boston who remember Dick and who to this date declare that they come no gamer than O'Brien and had he possessed the trait of caution such as Tommy Ryan often exhibited before he accepted a match, Dick might have won the world crown. Dick could fight and possessed an abundance of courage, but he always threw caution to the winds in making his matches, his chief aim being to be kept busy regardless of the calibre of his opponent.

He had natural fighting ability and exemplified it in almost all of his bouts, particularly on July 6, 1894, when he clashed with Joe Walcott, the Barbados Demon. It was a toe-to-toe battle as were all of Dick's fistic encounters. Slam, bang, biff—without a letup from start to finish!

That's the way Dick fought and he made his opponents follow his style. Several times Walcott began to wither under the impact of O'Brien's blows and Tom O'Rourke, who handled the Barbados Negro, had considerable difficulty preventing Walcott from quitting.

How those babies could hit! On one occasion in the eighth round Walcott was battered from pillar to post and was about to leap out of the ring when O'Rourke threatened him and got Joe back into action. Finally in the twelfth and last round of one of the toughest and most thrilling battles ever witnessed in Massachusetts, O'Brien collided with Walcott's haymaker and took the count.

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BUT Dick was never satisfied that Walcott was his master and repeatedly tried to get O'Rourke to give him another shot at the Negro. To prove his right to a return engagement, O'Brien set about to recover lost ground. He drew with Billy Smith, defeated Ed Binney, in 14 rounds, whipped Bobby Dobbs in 18, drew with Kid McCoy in 25 rounds and stopped Jack McDonough at Lowell in one session. By this time he had gained such a big following that O'Rourke figured a return mill would be a good drawing card and when the Knights of Templars convention had planned a three-day fistic carnival, one of the bouts arranged was that between Walcott and O'Brien.

This time they fought on August 28, 1895, at the Newtown Street Armory and each of the contestants was well backed. The Bostonians were strong for Dick. They were cocksure that he would reverse the previous defeat but in this they were sadly mistaken. As in the recent Savold-Buonvino bout when Lee came out tossing punches, Walcott, at the sound of the gong, leaped off his chair and went pell-mell into the fray. He was on top of O'Brien before Dick knew what had happened and a terrific right swing dropped O'Brien like a log.

The lights went out for Dick in less than half a minute and it took quite some time before he regained his equilibrium. When he came to he refused to permit his chief second to remove his gloves. Instead he turned to the referee and asked him to guard against such procedure, whispering to him that there was something in his right hand mitt which he didn't want anyone to see.

For a moment the referee thought perhaps Dick had a piece of lead concealed in it, but when O'Brien assured him that Dick's money was hidden in the glove, visions of the lead contraption left the arbiter. As a matter of fact O'Brien had nothing in the glove. It was one of those mental vagaries which so often strike a knocked out battler who suffers a slight concussion and such was the case with Dick.

Following the kayo, O'Brien went along giving spectators many tough and thrilling battles, but like Joe Grim and other "Iron men," his stamina was gradually sapped and he became a mere shell of his former greatness. But, as is so often the case with ringmen who have been battered hard, Dick refused to quit. It was always, "just one more fight." He argued that he was still good enough to whip the average welter or middleweight and no one could convince him otherwise.

Alex McLean, Bay State promoter, decided to help Dick at a time when O'Brien was badly in need of financial help and sought an opponent for him. O'Brien told Alec that all he wanted was enough to get himself a new suit of clothes and funds to get back home to Lewiston and McLean signed "Black Fitz" to meet O'Brien.

The match was made for Chelsea, Mass., on the basis of twenty-five percent for the loser and seventy-five for the winner. A huge crowd was on hand to see the mill, so popular was O'Brien.

The old fighting heart of Dick was as strong and sturdy as ever, but his legs were gone and he was no match for "Black Fitz," who whammed Dick at will and had him on the verge of a knockout several times yet couldn't put across the haymaker. Then something happened!

Dick O'Brien

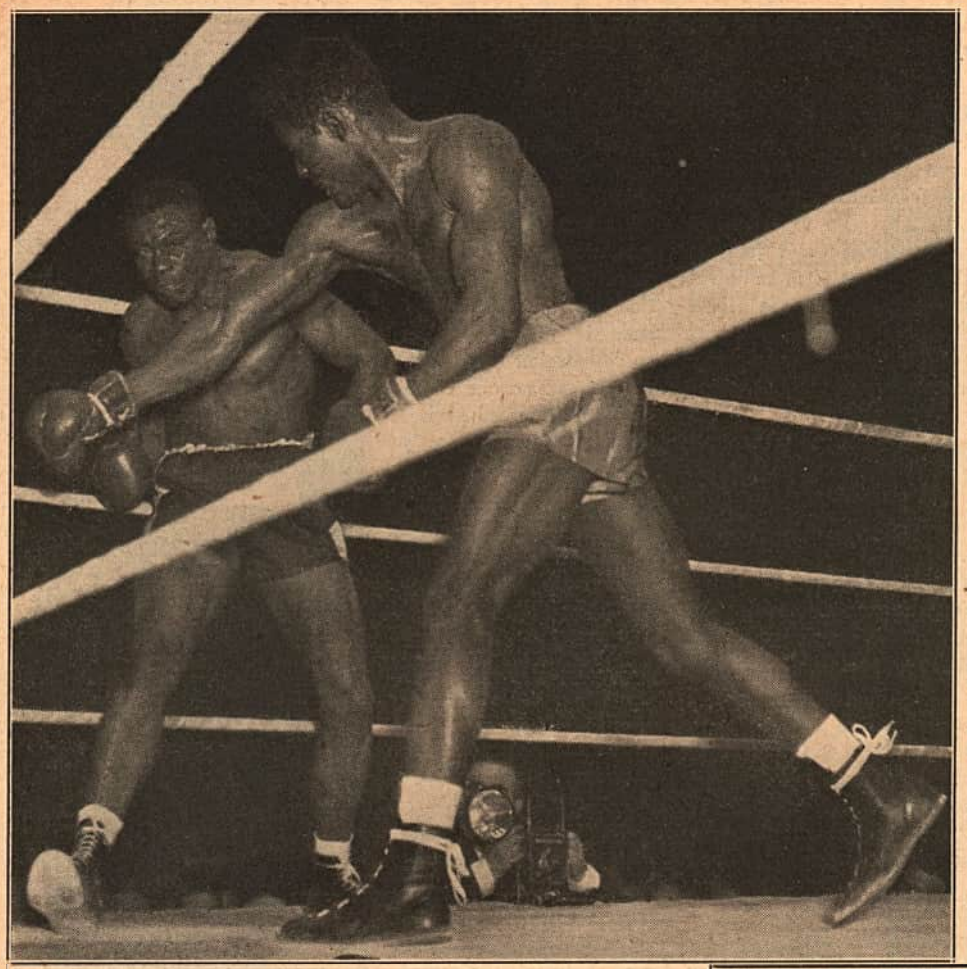
A blow from Dick landed on the jaw of his opponent and hurled him over to the ropes. In an attempt to balance himself, "Black Fitz" fell partly over the ropes and Dick's seconds, pretending to aid him to get back into the ring, pulled him further forward.

They held on to him while Referee Dan Donnelly, a hot O'Brien partisan, promptly proceeded to count "Black Fitz" out. Thus he saved the day for the O'Brien cohorts and enabled Dick to get the lion's share of the purse, a sufficient sum to get himself a new set of scenery and a trip home to Maine.

Once home, O'Brien became desperately ill and the malady resulted in his death. Thus New England lost one of its best club fighters, a welterweight who packed 'em in every time he fought.

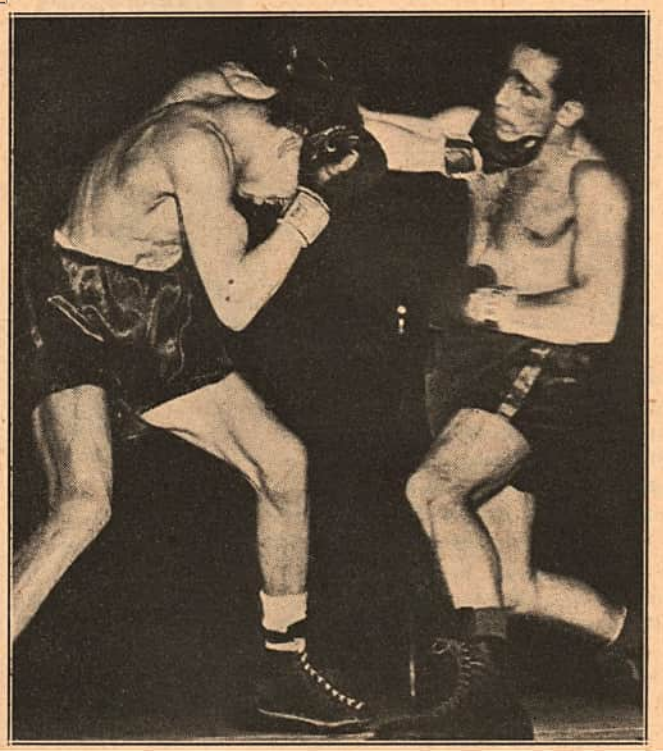
When Dick first came to Boston he beat Maffitt Flaherty, Jack McGee and Jimmy Conley among others who were good cards in those days and his victories caused *(Continued on page 32)*

IN THE NEWS OF THE MONTH



← *One of Ezzard Charles' powerful rights staggers the heavier Elmer (Violent) Ray in seventh round of their Chicago bout. Two sessions later, Ray was counted out, and Charles had been repaid, with interest, for the disputed decision lost to Ray in previous meeting in Madison Square Garden. Already recognized as No. 1 challenger for Gus Lesnevich's light-heavyweight laurels, Ezzard, by his smashing triumph over Ray, also established himself as the most logical opponent for the Louis-Walcott winner.*

Accompanied by Mrs. Fleischer, Nat Fleischer, Editor of THE RING, *boards Pan-American clipper for survey of boxing conditions in Europe. On his jaunt, Fleischer hopped to Ireland to present Rinty Monaghan with championship belt for his winning effort against Jackie Paterson in flyweight title meeting. It was the 130th belt awarded in 25 years, by* THE RING *to world champions.* ↓

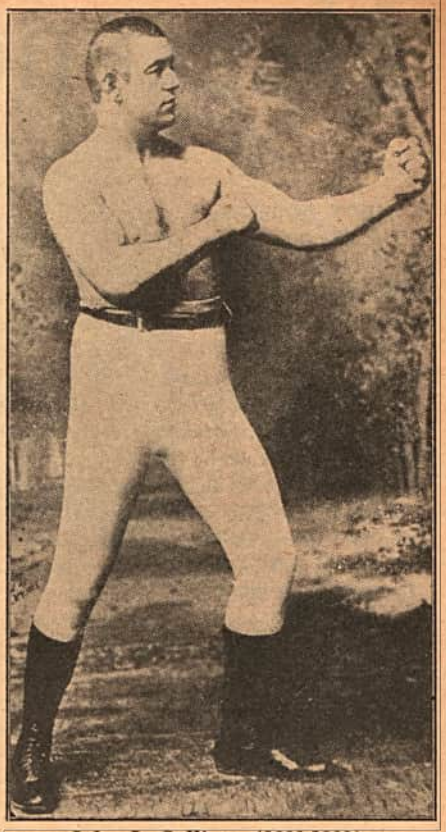


World featherweight champion Willie Pep moved up into the lightweight class to hand a ten-round lacing to Leroy Willis in Detroit. Willis proved a willing foeman, but Pep was too shifty and ringwise, and won handily. Accompanying photograph shows Willis ducking under a right hand thrown by Pep, while his own left glove chucks the featherweight king under the chin.

RATED HIGH AS KINGS OF HEAVYWEIGHTS

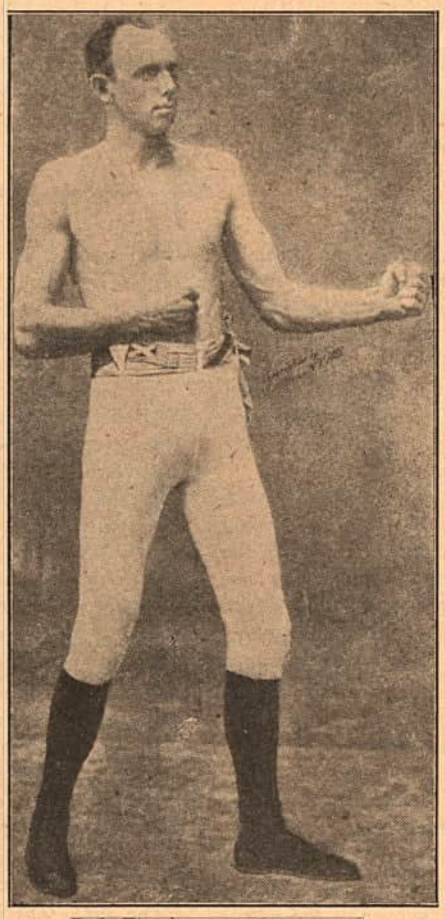
James J. Corbett (1892-1897)
He was born in San Francisco, Calif., on September 1, 1866, and died on February 18, 1933. Was the first champion under Marquis of Queensberry rules. Won title by defeating John L. Sullivan.

James J. Jeffries (1899-*Retired* 1905)
Born at Carroll, O., April 15, 1875. Lives in California. Won the heavyweight crown by defeating Bob Fitzsimmons.

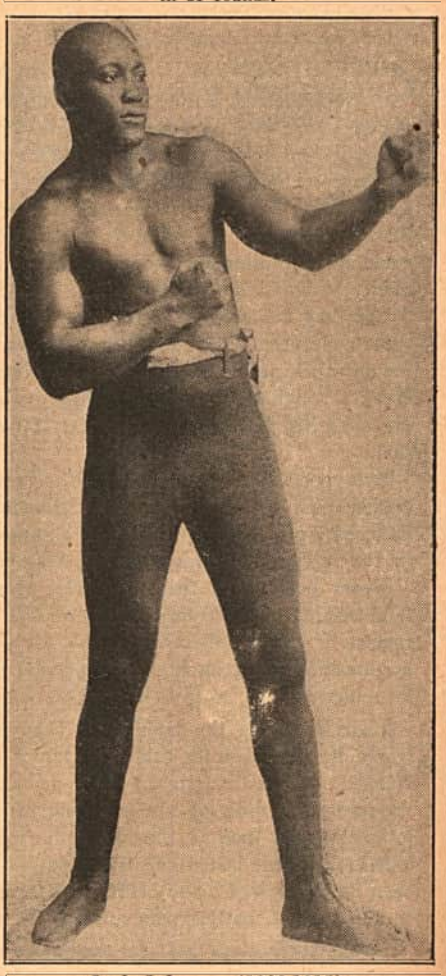


John L. Sullivan (1882-1892)
Born at Roxbury, Mass., October 15, 1858. Was last bare-knuckle champion. Faced Corbett at New Orleans, September 7, 1892, in first heavyweight title bout with gloves. Corbett scored a K.O. in 21 rounds.

Tommy Burns (1906-1908)
Born at Hanover, Canada, June 17, 1881. Won title after Jeffries' retirement by defeating all comers in an elimination. Was only 5 feet 7½ inches tall.



Bob Fitzsimmons (1897-1899)
Born at Elston, Cornwall, Eng., June 4, 1862, and died October 23, 1917. Won title from Corbett.



Jack Johnson (1908-1915)
Born at Galveston, Tex., March 31, 1878, and was killed in an auto accident at Raleigh, N. C., June 10, 1946. Stopped Tommy Burns to win title, then stopped Jeffries in the latter's comeback.

BALLYHOO *and* FORECASTERS

By THE SPORTSMAN

IT IS difficult to state exactly where the fine art of picking the winner of a big prize fight, as practiced by the sport experts of the Fourth Estate, leaves off, and the business of ballyhooing the said fight begins. Frequently, one might say invariably, the two things are combined.

However sincere the writer may be in announcing his choice and detailing his reasons for it, he is also helping to whet the blood appetite of prospective customers by stimulating interest in the affair. Speaking in side-show argot—he's "shilling for come-ons" whether he intends to or not.

It often happens that a press-prophet gets all steamed up personally over a combat de luxe, and is likely to devote an amount of space to his subject that the promoter couldn't have obtained by paying full advertising rates. Not one, but practically all of Gotham's best and brightest moulders of sport-opinion went haywire thus in connection with the first sensational battle in June, 1936, between heavyweights Max Schmeling and Joe Louis, at the New York Yankee Stadium, New York City, a contest staged before the Brown Bomber won the world crown.

The ballyhoo racket played Hades with that one! Louis, by dint of a number of kayo victories over prominent heavies had established himself in short order as a drawing card of irresistible magnetism. Such notables as Carnera, Baer and Paulino had fallen before him. As he rocketed upward in his flight to the giddy altitude of fistic fame, each of his successive victories demanded more and more descriptive adjectives of praise from the scribes, and they rose nobly to the occasion.

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CERTAIN it is that no heavyweight in past or modern times ever received a tithe of the printed adulation lavished upon young Louis. The newspaper experts to a man scorned even to hedge on the forecasts of the Negro's victory in his coming contest with Schmeling. The closest any of the press-prophets came to indicating possible disaster for Louis was a grudging admission that, as he had won a score of battles without being subjected to gruelling punnishment, proof had not yet been furnished of his ability to stand the gaff.

But they hastened to qualify this assertion by stating that his superb cleverness was such as to utterly preclude any necessity for any such proof. His defense being impenetrable, nobody could break through it. Consequently, there was no reason for worrying over his powers of endurance. It was just as simple as all that!

Everybody knows the aftermath, how the bright, iridescent bubble burst in a rough gale of Schmeling punches. How Louis, battered from post to post, finally assumed a dying-gladiator pose in the fateful twelfth round, and was counted out!

Never before had the journalistic ring experts risen to such wild heights of enthusiasm, only to crash to earth with sickening impact. It was a sad story, needing for sympathetic narration the accompaniment of an orchestra playing trills, tremulos and sobs on muted strings, to give it the real, soggy, tear-drenched effect.

Louis today is the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, having taken the title from James J. Braddock by an eight-round knockout on June 22, 1937, and clinching his right to the crown by smashing-up and stopping his former conqueror, Max Schmeling, on June 22, the year following his knockout in a one-sided affair that lasted only two minutes and four seconds. Since then he has scored many brilliant victories, having fought oftener in title-defense battles than any of his predecessors.

So the forecasters feel that they are thoroughly vindicated, and can now discuss the first horrible catastrophe without becoming blasphemous. But none has forgotten the hangover of the morning after the finish of the initial Louis ballyhoo. The reaction was too violent for that!

GRANTED that they had good reasons for praising Louis, the trouble was that each experting enthusiast overplayed his hand. And when the publicity trumpets gathered sound and volume, and the glory march got into full swing, the prophets were so carried away by the tide of homage surging at the shrine of the new fistic idol, that presently they were shouting hosannas and throwing literary handsprings all over the shop.

The whole thing was psychological in its mob appeal. Unwittingly they were captured and fascinated by the very ballyhoo that their frothy articles created. One queer angle about writing is that if a scribe devotes himself for an extended period to issuing eulogies on a certain subject, he often becomes, in a paradoxical sense, a convert to his own line of reasoning. Starting as an unbiased critic he may easily wind up as a rabid partisan.

The human brain is keenly receptive to oft-repeated suggestions, and a pet theory can easily be translated into belief of the near-fanatical order. Frequent flights of fancy may gradually assume a concrete form, as in the historic case of King George IV of England. That eminent sovereign had so often described his sensations while heading a cavalry charge at Waterloo, that he actually believed he had performed such an exploit, although he had never heard a hostile shot fired.

It may well have been that Joe Louis' defeat by Schmeling in their first encounter was largely due to under-estimation of the German and over-estimation of his own powers. The sports writers had so faithfully developed and sold the theory of the Brown Bomber's invincibility to him and the public, that it is highly probable that Joe finally came to consider himself as invincible as they said he was.

Many opponents having collapsed before him, it is all the more natural that he should have been impressed by the glowing tributes paid to his conquering powers.

People with less to boast of in the line of sensational accomplishments than Louis, have yielded to delusions of extraordinary greatness suggested by the printed word.

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IN 1910 Howard (Kid) Carr, Chicago fistic impresario, got hold of a set of photographs of a big mine disaster in Illinois which resulted in a heavy loss of life and figured as a national front page sensation. The Kid conceived the idea of turning the pictures into magic lantern slides and showing them around small-town communities. There was no competition to fear, as the movies were not much in evidence then.

He needed a lecturer, and dug up a person answering to the sonorously sounding cognomen of Samuel Pericles Lyndecker. The latter was tall, fat, forty-five, and equipped with a heavy bass voice.

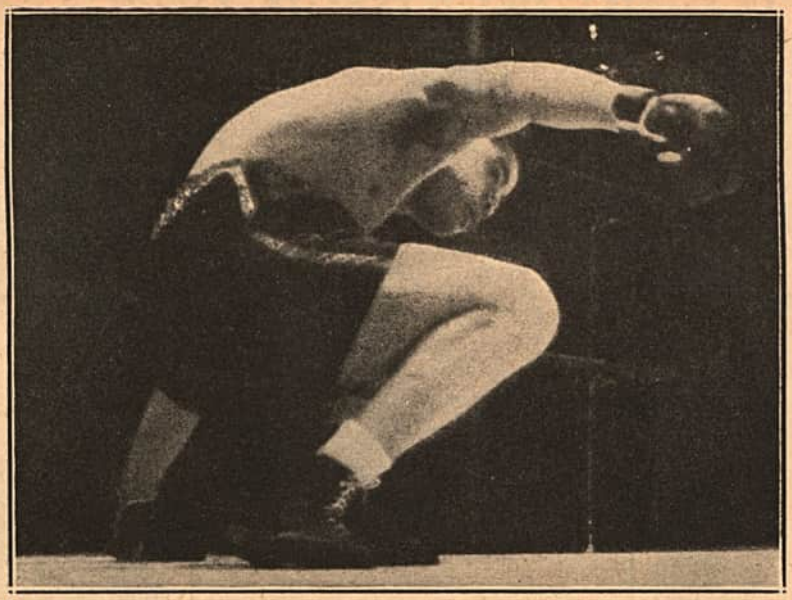
Decked out in a frock coat and silk hat provided by showman Howard, he presented quite an impressive appearance. He had been a school teacher, later supported himself by giving elocution lessons, and was doing nothing in particular, and eating irregularly when the Kid put him in working harness.

One of Howard's newspaper pals dashed him off a series of short articles boosting the show, and ballyhooing the intrinsic merits of Mr. Lyndecker. On the authority of these ingeniously constructed screeds, the massive orator was a professor of world-wide fame who had lectured before all the crowned heads of Europe, and thrilled natives of Japan and China with discourses delivered in their own languages. The prosaic fact that the professor had never passed the Illinois State boundaries in no way detracted from the vigor of these testimonials, which were intended for advance notices to be published in local papers.

The show was a huge success. Howard, a versatile cuss and good mixer, took the editorial offices of the small-town newspapers by storm with a choice line of patter. He dispensed passes

liberally to the mayor and prominent citizens of every burg and saw his advance twaddle given full space in the various journals.

As the weeks passed, Samuel Pericles Lyndecker waxed more pompous and important. He loved to read the notices dealing with his "appearances by Royal Command," and mailed many copies of the local papers to Chicago acquaintances for their respectful approval. With the townfolk he was haughtily dignified and acknowledged introductions condescendingly, as befitted a man who had been decorated by the Czar of Russia, hailed England's king as a pal, and hobnobbed with the President of France, and hundreds of other notables.



A surprised Joe Louis hits the deck and with the support of his gloved left hand, raises himself to a Schmeling bombardment. Ballyhoo had made the Brown Bomber an "invincible" fighter but Schmeling proved that he was not.

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IN a way, this helped to create atmosphere for the show. But Howard was beginning to chafe over the synthetic grandeur oozing from every Lyndecker pore. He had managed fighters who contracted swelled heads from reading their press notices, and realized that a similar affliction was making serious inroads upon the tadpole mentality of his barker. Hence, the Kid could hardly control his emotions when the mayor of one town was obviously annoyed by the consequential airs of the pseudo great man, as Howard introduced him to the executive.

But the crisis arrived that night at the local Opera House. During the mine tragedy discourse, a fretful baby in the audience cried aloud a couple of times despite the mother's efforts to quiet the infant. The lecturer's spiel broke off suddenly. Lyndecker, striding majestically forward pointed an accusing finger at the offender, and declared in booming accents:

"The police officer must remove that woman and her child. I cannot submit to such degrading interruptions!"

His hearers reacted to this grandiloquent announcement with boos and hisses, and for a few minutes it looked as though a small-sized riot might start, with the platform orator as an objective. But the crowd quieted down, and the show went on to its end.

That night in their room at the hotel the enraged Howard turned his fluently abusive vocabulary loose on the pet of Europe's crowned heads. After reviewing Mr. Lyndecker's drab past and offensive present, he wound up by ripping a deft left hook to the extensive Lyndecker's abdomen, and a precise right to the Lyndecker jaw. Leaving him reclining on the floor in a gentle daze, the Kid hiked to the depot and boarded a train for Chicago.

"How did the show make out, Kid?" inquired his newspaper pal the next day.

"I made plenty of jack," responded Howard. "And I might have been making it yet if it wasn't for that damned ballyhoo you fixed up."

"Wasn't it the goods?" demanded his justly indignant friend.

"Sure thing," assented the Kid. "Trouble was, it was too good for the likes of that big stiff who was barking for me. Why, reading about that Czar and king tripe just went to his nut and drove him high-hat daffy. Everything was jake until he got to thinking he was the real McCoy, and went woozy admiring his makeup!"

"Where," asked the friend, "is Samuel Pericles Lyndecker now?"

"When I last saw him," said the diplomatic Kid, "he was fast asleep!"

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THE man who denies that well-written, strenuous ballyhoo can sway his judgment, is either a liar or fool. Discuss a thing as much as you please, form an opinion, and think you will stick to your convictions. But don't feel too sure that you won't change in the face of a publicity avalanche, backed by apparently irrefutable evidence.

Many a man who would have taken a betting chance on the German in the first Schmeling-Louis contest was switched to the Negro by the press hoorah campaign. Small wonder that the experts fooled the public, when they even fooled themselves.

Of course it couldn't happen, but just think what it would mean if the daily newspapers refused to boost a championship prize fight. Suppose all the training piffle, the long-winded interviews with leather-pushers, were eliminated. How far could any promoter go with arrangements for a gladiatorial orgy, under such conditions?

Wipe out the free advertising accorded these entertainments, and the fighters would be lucky to annex a few thousand dollars, where they now count their gains in hundred thousands in a world heavyweight title tilt. As for the promoters—well there wouldn't be so much enthusiasm among them nor would they display so much arrogance toward those who pay the freight if the free publicity they now get were eliminated. They know that no matter what the score, the public demands the fight and training news and the directors of our newspapers realize that. Hence the loads of free publicity.

Given press support, any promoter who can sign up a couple of pugilistic stars is pretty safe in calculating that they will be swiftly boomed into sport-page, and ultimately into front-page notoriety. The average citizen may really not care which battler gets his head knocked temporarily from its moorings, but he does like to buy the paper that gives him the fight news for which he craves.

When his favorite paper thrusts the doings of glove-maulers under his nose in huge daily reports he absorbs the stuff and gradually succumbs to the synthetic enthusiasm thus engendered. If he didn't fall for the ballyhoo, his neighbor might deride his sport-ignorance. And that's something the proverbial 100 percent American would never stand for.

As the public appetite for sensational diet is practically unlimited, even conservative papers dare not lag far behind their rivals who daub the color thickly on sport or news stories.

Hence the deluge of endless special articles by staff correspondents dealing with the training of fighters, the columns devoted to family life and biographical sketches dealing with every phase of their activity from their youth to their rise to fistic fame.

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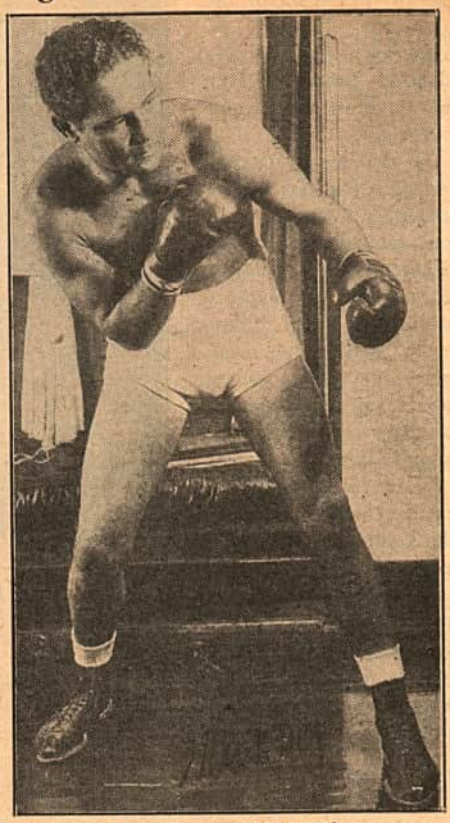
THE law of supply and demand is responsible for the development of the prolific ghost-writer, whose facile fingers type columns of comment under the signature of some outstanding illiterate, eminent as a performer in the sport field. This is particularly true in boxing. Ever so many articles appear during the training period signed by fighters who often are only beyond the minor reading stage.

There was a time when signatures *(Continued on page 37)*

CROWN WEARERS FROM 1915 TO LOUIS

Jess Willard (1915-1919)
Born at Pottawatomie County, Kans., December 3, 1883. Tallest fighter to hold world championship—6 feet 6 inches. Knocked out Jack Johnson in Havana, April 5, 1915, to gain top laurels. Lost the crown to Jack Dempsey in Toledo, Ohio.

James J. Braddock (1935-1937)
Born at North Bergen, N. J., December 6, 1905. Won the title from Max Baer at Long Island Bowl in 15 rounds and lost it when knocked out by Joe Louis in Chicago in eight rounds. Served as a captain in U.S. Army during the war.



Max Baer (1934-1935)
Born at Omaha, Neb., February 11, 1909. Started boxing career in 1929. Won the world crown by stopping Primo Carnera in 11 rounds and lost it to Jimmy Braddock.

Max Schmeling (1930-1932)
Born in Germany on September 25, 1905. In initial start here he knocked out Joe Monte in five rounds. Won title on a foul from Jack Sharkey.

Jack Sharkey (1932-1933)
Born at Binghamton, N. Y., October 6, 1902. Started his boxing career in U.S. Navy. His return engagement with Schmeling, following Max's winning of the world title on a foul, brought Sharkey world honors. He lost the crown to Carnera, who stopped Sharkey in the sixth round. Wound up his career with a kayo at the hands of Joe Louis in three rounds.

Primo Carnera (1933-1934)
Born at Sequals, Italy, October 26, 1906. Started as a circus wrestler and turned to boxing. Weakest of all heavyweight champions. Most of his fights were with set-ups. Won title from Jack Sharkey and lost it to Max Baer.

Wars Against Satan; Fights *for a* Living

By WILLIAM MCNULTY

REV. WILLIAM LANCASTER, of Portland, Me., is a preacher with much more than a Sunday punch. He says it with both words and wallops during the weekdays and with words on Sundays.

As Billy Lancaster, a light middleweight—about 150—he's a busy battler of the professional ring. Usually he tangles with opponents weighing from 5 to 15 pounds more than himself. Practically all of them have plenty of altitude on him too, for he is uncommonly short for a middle.

Whether at home or on the road, filling one or more of his fist flinging bookings, busy Billy calls at churches or halls or homes, for discussions on the biggest battle of them all—the unending warfare against Satan.

In his dressing room just before heading into the squared circle for a joust, Lancaster gets down on his knees for prayer. This is behind closed doors. Very few of the hundreds of thousands of persons in various states and provinces, who have seen the punching preacher in action as a battle wagon, know of this phase. There have been many ringsters who, blatantly, perhaps, have gone through the praying motions on their knees or otherwise, with or without the self-blessing, while awaiting the sound of the gong. It is questionable, if there is much sincerity involved in these movements. But there is with Billy. The only witnesses to the Lancaster praying are those in the individual dressing room at the time. And, the praying is always silent.

Not long ago, while Billy was in a dressing room corner saying his soundless prayer, another Negro mitt wielder was recovering from a loss in a preliminary bout. He was Carl White, a welterweight. The decision had gone against him. White raised himself from a table on which he had been resting, looked at the kneeling Lancaster, and asked, "What's he doing now?" Pat Kennedy, a trainer and manager, replied:

"He's praying that he'll do all right in the ring." White came back with:

"From the looks of things I need that a lot more than he does."

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BUT, while Lancaster wants to win always, he realizes this is impossible. He is fully resigned to defeat if and when it develops, which is infrequently. What he prays for specifically, is that nothing untoward happens. For instance, that there will be no fatality or serious injury to his antagonist or himself. Also, that his wife and two children are well cared for while he is away from home. Lancaster doesn't ask anybody to join him in prayer in the dressing rooms, but he welcomes others. He doesn't believe in compulsory religion.

I recall the first time I saw Billy doing his ring chores. It was in Boston. I was amazed when I saw no stool in his corner after the bell rang for the close of the first chapter. I was further astonished when I noticed the squatty slammer not only standing up during all the intermissions, but walking around inside the ropes for the full minute. His opponent was not only seated for the minute but being ministered to by two seconds. Billy had neither the rest nor the ministering. Yet, at the end of the lively fray, Billy was fresher than milk just out of the cow spigots, and the party of the second part looked as if he were drawn through a knothole.

That's his routine in every fistic date. Lancaster doesn't care a fig for rests, smelling salts, liniments, towel and fan waving, water splashing or artificial invigorators. He is always in tiptop physical condition, as dissipation is foreign to him.

On every day that he isn't booked, he works out in a gym and does road work. There are few more religious resin ruffiers. No further proof of this is needed than his long ring life. It is said that he is 36, though he registers as 28 in the Record books. He has a picturesque and colorful style. He always bores in, and punches. He is of the bobbing and weaving school.

Billy Lancaster

Often, Battling Billy smothers a fistic foe, à la Harry Greb's windmill design. He also employs leaping tactics. The high jumps are necessary in many cases, because Billy is short, only 5 feet, 5, and usually his opponents are many inches taller. He seems to be invulnerable to a Rip Van Winkle punch.

There is hardly a week that Lancaster does not peddle punches for profit at least once. There have been weeks in which he has participated in three bouts, all in different communities and involving considerable traveling.

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IN preaching as in pugilism, Lancaster is a man of action. He doesn't believe in a pussyfooting defense. He takes the aggressive and keeps swinging. He likes to participate in and address religious rallies open to the public of his own race and other creeds. These may be indoors or outdoors.

Indications are that he will take a stationary pastorate when he's through with cauliflowering. In the meanwhile, he is mixing preaching and pugilism. He finds he can do both. He declares that one can live with God and yet live by his fists. There is no doubt that the sphere of fisticuffs, saturated as it is with unsavory characters and deeds, is sorely in need of many more exponents of religion and the square deal if it is to attain any worth while standard of decency.

In this age, the power of example bears the greatest fruit, and this likeable, amiable missionary is offsetting some of the damage to fistiana inflicted by those undesirables who foist themselves on tineardom. The Golden Rule is a dominant factor in the life of Billy Lancaster.

Here's a recent illustration of the ring honesty of this vet. Outweighed about a dozen pounds by Bill Landry, of Moncton, N. B., in a bout at Moncton, the promoter, and a number of others pleaded with Lancaster to give up in the seventh and eighth rounds. The much younger and heavier battler was dishing out considerable punishment starting the seventh stanza.

"You'll get your cash just the same, and you'll save yourself a beating," urged the show sponsor.

Lancaster retorted, "I signed for a ten rounder and that it's going to be."

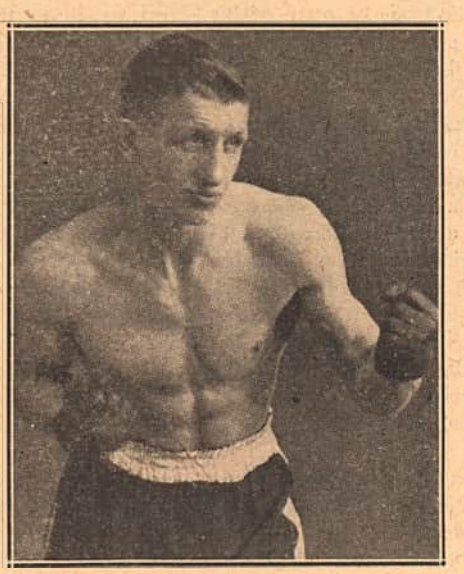
He went the limit and won the decision.

Irish Hopes Rise

Rinty Monaghan, Recently Crowned World Flyweight Champion, Whose Rise to the Top Has Created a New Interest in Boxing in Ireland—Tim Cully, Irish Heavyweight Giant, to Campaign in U.S.

By THE SPORTSMAN

Dan Donnelly, whom the Irish idolize as their greatest fistic hero.



Rinty Monaghan, newly crowned world flyweight king, who received a belt from THE RING *Editor in Belfast. His award was the 130th presentation by* THE RING.

WHAT a difference a few years make!

A quarter of a century ago almost every champion, almost every fighter whose name was a by-word in pugilism, was either a pure-blooded Irishman or had a strain of Irish blood coursing through his veins.

Today with few exceptions, the Sons of Erin have been forced into the background in a sport in which for more than a century and a half they reigned supreme.

The rise of Rinty Monaghan to the top rung of the flyweight ladder has raised new hopes in the heart of the Irish. They see in his acquisition of the championship an opportunity for the Sons of Erin to regain much of their lost prestige.

Rinty's knockout of Jackie Paterson has brought about a revival of interest in boxing in Eire though Monaghan lives in a sector that is still under the flag of England. But the fact that Monaghan resides in Northern Ireland doesn't stop the Hibernians from claiming him as their own.

One often hears the query, "What has become of this combative race, a people who for many years supplied the greatest ringmen of all time?"

What is it then that has caused the Irish gladiators to bow to the Jews and the Italians in fisticuffs? Where in the past every great warrior of the roped square was a Celt, today the leading figures in Fistiana carry Irish names, indicative of ring prowess, but the nom-de-guerre belongs to either an Italian or an Israelite. Environment and social conditions are primarily responsible for this change.

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THE Irish came naturally by their fighting. History, as far back as one can trace, is replete with sensational battles in which the mighty sons of St. Patrick won glory. 'Tis said that the Irish for centuries won the battles of other nations, but it was not until a few years ago that they finally succeeded in winning their own freedom from England. And then, not through their favorite sport, but oratory in which they equally excel. Some of the greatest warriors in European history, were either pure-blooded Irish or of Irish descent, hence it is not surprising to find so many celebrated prize ring fighters adorning the pages of pugilistic history.

Centuries ago Ireland was inhabited by a warlike people, the Firbolgs, an Irish primitive tribe and the Tuatha De Danann, a highly civilized people. The latter conquered the Firbolgs and in turn were conquered by the Milesians who came from Spain. This mixture gave to Ireland a fiery, strong, combative race that to this day may well feel proud of its athletic prowess.

It is from these early settlers of Ireland, that the Hibernians gained their fighting spirit. These tribes, some highly cultured, others the wild men of the primitive period, later became mixed more or less with the Gaels, the greatest gladiators of the old Roman Empire, and from them, they acquired the strength, endurance and gameness which later made the Irish gladiators supreme. These Gaels, who overran the Green Isle centuries ago, were a powerful race and from this mixture, developed the "Fighting Irish."

Ireland has been a fighting nation since its earliest days. Its sons have not only won highest honors in the prize ring, but have the distinction of being listed among the world's greatest soldiers. They have loved fighters and fighting ever since the beginning of Erin's time. Never a day in the history of this great people, have they feared to meet an enemy.

The Greeks and the Romans were the originators of boxing, their mills taking place in the public arenas with the caestus, the weapon of combat. The English, however, with rules to guide them, helped develop the sport, but it remained for the Irish to furnish the world's greatest fistic talent for close to 150 years.

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SCAN through the list of world champions in the various divisions of pugilism for the last century and a half and note the names. Even some of the best of the English fighters had a strain of Irish blood in them. Charley Mitchell, one of England's heavyweight champions, the man who fought John L. Sullivan a 79 round draw at Chantilly, France, was Celtic on his mother's side. Bob Fitzsimmons, Austin Carey, Jem Carney, Jack Burke, Owen Moran, Paddy Gorman, Jem Driscoll and a host of others, came from Irish parentage.

Then there's Dan Donnelly, Jack Randall, Jack McAuliffe, Dave and Spike Sullivan, Jimmy Elliott, Dave Barry, Tom Sharkey, George Gardiner, Jim Gardiner, Steve Taylor, Willie Fitzgerald, among others whose deeds in the ring gained for them a niche in the Celtic Hall of Pugilistic Fame.

And that's only scratching the surface. John Morrissey, an Irishman by birth, reigned over the American pugilists just before John L. Sullivan's time and Sullivan, although an American-born fighter, boasted of his Irish lineage, his father and mother both hailing from the Ould Sod.

John Camel Heenan, the Benicia Boy, who fought a memorable battle with Tom Sayers in England, was the first real Paddy to put in a serious claim to the world's heavyweight championship. From 1863 to the victory of Max Schmeling over Jack Sharkey, it has been Ireland almost all the way.

Mike McCoole, New O'Baldwin and Paddy Ryan were heralds pointing the way to the advent of the great John L. Sullivan and

after Sullivan, we had the deluge. The Boston Strong Boy, it is true was born in Roxbury, Mass., but he took great pride in informing the world of his Hibernian origin.

James J. Corbett, a native of San Francisco, was another. Jake Kilrain, Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, Peter Maher, Terry McGovern, Marvin Hart, Frankie Neil, Joe Thomas, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Packey McFarland, Mike and Tom Gibbons, Frankie Burns, Dick Hyland, Gene Tunney, Jack Dempsey, Mike O'Dowd, Mike McTigue, all men of note in the history of Fistiana, were either born in the Emerald Isle, born in this country of Celtic parents, either one or both, or were endowed with their fighting ability through a strain of Irish blood from one of their ancestors.

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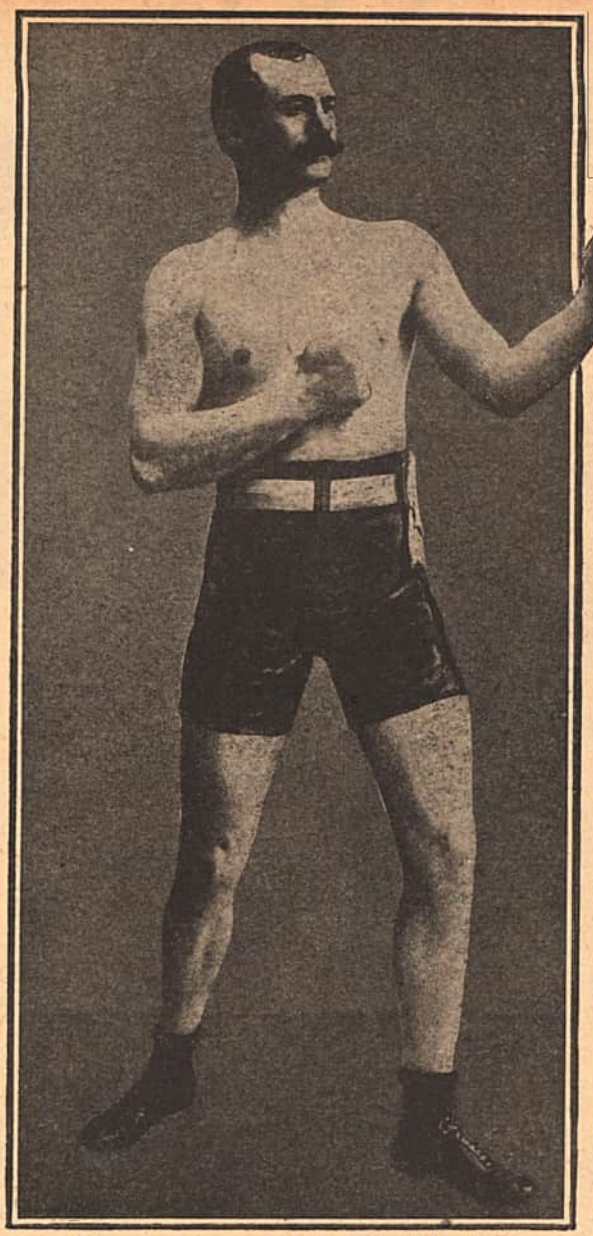
SOME years ago Australia sent to America a fine bunch of fighting men, the majority of whom traced their ancestry to the Celts. There were big Paddy Slavin, Owen Sullivan, Mick Dunn, Dan Creedon, Billy Murphy, the only man who ever returned to Australia with a world's championship by virtue of his victory over Ike Weir; George Dawson, Tom Tracey, Jimmy Ryan, Billy McCarthy, Australian Billy Smith—all great fighters who added to the ring lore of the Irish people.

A history of boxing from 1734 to 1914—the year World War I got under way—is a history of Irish stalwarts. Even the first fight for the championship recorded in American ring history, was between a native born American, a New Yorker, Tom Hyer, who was the son of the first champion of the new country, Jacob Hyer, and Yankee Sullivan, who came here from Ireland. And when Sullivan acquired the championship, he was the first Irishman to hold an American crown. A list of the heavyweight champions who followed him, again is a history of Irishblooded athletes.

There were Johnny Dwyer, Jim Dunn and Joe Coburn, in addition to those already mentioned. And among other fistic greats, there were Jere Dunn, Pat Killen, Joe McAuliffe, Marty McCue, Jimmy Britt, Spider Kelly, David Campbell, Dominick McCaffery, Charley McKeever, Kid McPartland, Patsy Haley, Patsy Kerrigan, Charley McKeever, Buffalo Costello, Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll, Jack Fogerty, Eddie Curry, Mike Donovan, Jack Denning, Jimmy Walsh, Jack Benner, Jim Ferns, Patsy McGuigan and Amby McGarry.

And among others, Tim Kearns, Patsy Sweeney, Tommy Murphy, Jimmy Barry, Johnny Reagen, Matty Matthews, Sammy Kelly, Martin Flaherty, Tommy Shortell, Johnny Kilbane, Joe Lynch, and Kid McCoy—each of whom can boast of the Hibernian blood in him. What other people can point to such a list of great fighters. The Jews and the Italians may rank higher than the Irish today, but it will take many years before either race can equal the wonderful record rolled up by the Sons of Erin.

In fact, ever since the days of Brian Boru, that "little green isle across the sea" has produced directly or indirectly more fistic stars than any other country ten times its size. These sons of Erin are scattered all over the world and contrary to usual belief, wherever they've settled they've made their presence felt. The Celts as a race are self restrained, but when once aroused, they are fighting demons as they have proved so successfully in the ring.



Pete Maher, the last of the famous Irish fighters to wear a moustache.

Self-restraint is one of the great assets for ring success, and since they have gained such laurels in the roped square, it necessarily follows that they are a far less excitable people than the Jews, English, French or Spanish. In gameness and fearlessness, the sons of St. Patrick also can hold their heads up high. Once his hat is thrown into the ring, an Irishman is seldom a quitter. These qualities stand out in the history of the world's leading fighting race.

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WHETHER Ireland derived its name from the Yr, the Runic for a bow, in the use of which weapon the Celts were very expert, or it was called the land of Ire because of the constant broils there for six hundred years, seems to be a vexed question which even the students of Irish history find difficult to answer. It may have been from its romance and superstition, its beautiful lakes and rivers, its picturesque hills and dales and the clannishness of its various counties.

However, one thing is certain—the Irish, when united in a common cause, will invariably stand together and shed the last drop of blood for the land where they and their ancestors were bred. No native loves his country more dearly, even to the third and fourth generation.

Ireland has always been famous as the land from whence come the shillelagh, the cudgel or single-stick and the "bit of switch," as they call the stout blackthorn stick, hardened by having been kept up a chimney for a month or two.

The introduction of the cudgel dates back to the eleventh century. The gypsies who roamed over the Green Isle were excellent cudgel-players and their exhibitions at the country fairs and the race courses were among the historic entertainments of the times. These exhibitions, however, gave way to the boxing booth about the middle of the eighteenth century and about 1800, they were quite forgotten.

The great Irish warrior, Con, credited with having won a hundred engagements before he was killed in battle, was passionately fond of cudgel practice, and it formed the principal amusement of the soldiers in camp.

Shillelagh fights were as ancient as the hills, and up to doing away with the Donnybrook pair, they were quite common among the peasants. Cracked skulls with the shillelaghs were frequent and Erin-go-bragh at least can be thankful for the introduction of fist fighting as this type of milling saved many an able-bodied Celt from an early grave.

The early Irish fighters were equally good with the sticks and the hands, for they practiced *(Continued on page 38)*

NEW FACES

By NAT LOUBET

Jackie Keough, Cleveland 150 pounder.

ANDY DEPAUL

ANDY DEPAUL, promising 19-year-old youngster hailing from the Smoky City, is trained by Johnny Delsanno and Freddy Fierro. Fierro will be remembered as the trainer of the ex-light-heavyweight title holder, Billy Conn, who also came from Pittsburgh.

DePaul, like Conn, is a good-looking lad who expects to add weight to his 150 pound frame and eventually blossom forth as a full fledged light-heavy. At present he is doing all right with the boys of his own weight. To date he has crossed gloves with thirteen opponents and has lost but one contest. That to Laurie Buxton in a one round knockout in which rumor has it Andy was caught cold. A good possibility since it was only his sixth pro fight. He holds decisions over Ted Pritchard, Danny Ruggiero, Roger Whynott and Dom Marchese among others.

A stablemate of the light-heavyweight champion, Gus Lesnevich, Andy trains with the champ and has gleaned many an important ring gem from Gus. One of Gus's most important additions to DePaul's fistic education has been to teach the youngster how to punch. The results are attested to by the string of kayoes racked up by Andy this year. Earl Shaw, Johnny Long, Joe Jordan and Ray Solomon all have been iced by potent hitting.

The Smoky City lad now fighting out of Cliffside, N. J., has a good amateur background to draw upon. He had 92 battles and gathered in 11 titles while campaigning as a simon-pure.

Joe Vella, the manager of both Lesnevich and DePaul, may have a new light-heavyweight contender when the day comes for Gus to hang up his gloves.

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JACKIE KEOUGH

THE old father and son act finds expression between the roped square whenever Jackie Keough, the Cleveland heavy-welterweight, goes into action. Jackie's father, Johnny Keough, trains and manages the newcomer to fistiana.

Twenty-one years old, five feet nine inches tall, of Irish descent, the fighting sailor spent three years in the Pacific as a torpedo-man on a P.T. Boat. Honorably discharged the lad continued to fight, only now it was with gloves. The time was 1947 and before a new year dawned Jackie had made a brilliant record as a simon-pure.

He won the Cleveland Golden Gloves welter bauble, then added top laurels in the Chicago Tournament of Champions. The East-West title at Chicago and the National A.A.U. crown at Boston were further welter achievements won by Keough and son.

Late in 1947 Jackie turned professional. Among those he has defeated are Bob Fowler, Lafayette Drummond, Joe Kezele, Jimmy Hudson, Ken Madsen and Emil Wagner.

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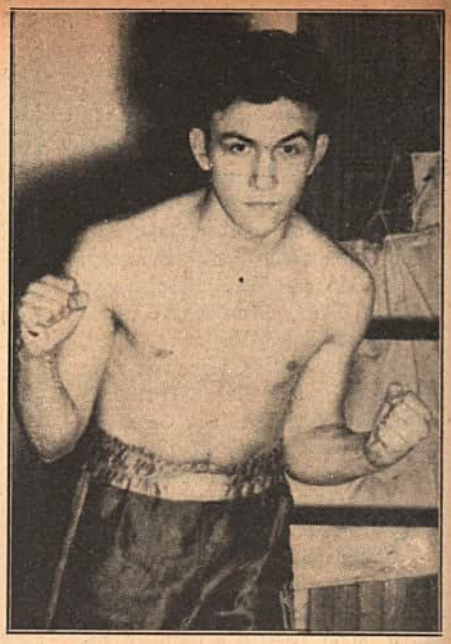
WILLIE DEE JONES

ARE we all looking forward to seeing a new crop of heavyweights to add life to the boxing game? Well here's a youngster casting an ambitious eye at the "Golden" division. Only nineteen years old, six feet three inches tall and tugging the weights at 205, that's Willie Dee Jones, high-school student who has fought one draw, two losses and has notched seven wins, since his advent into the professional bistros of swat.

Willie has a lot to learn but he's a willing worker who would fight every night of the week if Honey Boy Conroy, his manager, would allow it.

"Jones can give a good accounting of himself with anybody but I want to bring him along slowly," says Conroy, and then adds, "I don't want all the money in the house to show Willie; I want to keep him fighting sufficiently often to develop all of his abilities."



A promising middleweight, Andy De Paul fighting out of Cliffside, N. J.

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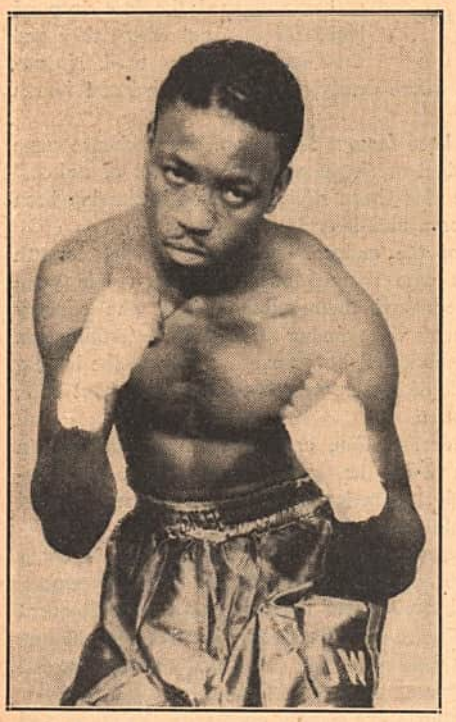
JAY WATKINS

RATED in the February issue of THE RING as the lightweight prospect of the month Jay Watkins is still making the grade. The Flint, Michigan, lad has a potent convincer in either hand and has iced twelve of his fourteen opponents. He is still pushing leather in the sixes but before long Willie Dominguez, his manager, plans on having Jay step out into the eight and ten rounders.

Watkins ended a brilliant career as a simon-pure by annexing the Michigan A.A.U. novice lightweight championship early in 1947. Encouraged by his success as an amateur the Michiganian turned pro.



Jay Watkins, lightweight prospect from Flint, Michigan.

Willie Dee Jones, St. Paul, Minnesota, heavy.

FIGURED *in* RECORD ATTENDANCES

Jack Dempsey (1919-1926)

Born at Manassa, Colorado, June 24, 1895. Led the life of a hobo in his youth. Worked as a dance hall bouncer and in the Colorado mines. Greatest money maker in history of boxing. First to acquire million dollars through ring activity and to fight in a million dollar gate. Only pugilist in history to participate in five million dollar gates. Began fistic career by knocking out a blacksmith at Montrose, Colo. Invaded New York as a novice receiving less than $200 for first three fights. Started sensational climb that ended with the winning of world title from Jess Willard in Toledo, O., July 4, 1919. Lost championship to Gene Tunney in Philadelphia. Served as a Commander in the Coast Guard in last war. Owner of Dempsey's Restaurant and a hotel. Referees wrestling and boxing matches as a guest official. Active in many civic affairs.

Gene Tunney (1926-retired 1928)

Born in New York City, May 25, 1898. Called the Fighting Marine. Won the U.S. light-heavyweight title from Battling Levinsky. Lost it to Harry Greb and regained it from Greb. Won world heavyweight crown by defeating Dempsey at Sesquicentennial Stadium in Philadelphia, September 23, 1926, and again beat Dempsey in "Long Count" battle in Chicago, September 22, 1927. Retired following year after stopping Tom Heeney in 11 rounds. Receipts for first fight with Dempsey, $1,895,728 and for second, $2,658,660. Tunney served as Commander in the Navy in the last war.

New Gold Rush!

One Hundred Years After Discovery of Pay Dirt in California, Topline Boxers Find Another Boom in Sunshine State

By ART COLLINS

IT was in 1848, exactly one hundred years ago, that gold was discovered in "them thar hills" of California, and one of the most spectacular "rushes" in history got under way.

Now, a century later, it would appear that another boom is on in the Sunshine State, this time in boxing, and many of the ring's top attractions are headed for the Pacific Coast.

By the time this appears in print, one world championship bout probably will have been duly relegated to its proper niche in boxing archives. Ike Williams, ruler of the lightweight roost, is listed for a late May date with his No. 1 challenger, Enrique Bolanos, in Los Angeles.

At any moment an announcement is expected that another championship offering, with featherweight boss Willie Pep involved, has been booked for the City of the Angels. Promoters have been dickering with Pep for a defense of his 126-pound laurels against Carlos Chavez, one of his most dangerous rivals.

If Chicago promoters hadn't suddenly stepped in and grabbed the match for June 4, California probably would have gone after the Ray Robinson-Bernard Docusen bout. The New Orleans stylist has become a popular favorite with Pacific Coast fans.

Title bouts, of course, are not precisely new in California. Championship brawls are old stuff there. With the one possible exception of New York, no state in the nation has enjoyed a more colorful history.

As a matter of fact, during the early years of the century, when no-decision bouts prevailed throughout most of the land, California practically had a monopoly on championship matches, staged over routes ranging from 20 rounds to a "finish."

In recent years, California has had stiff competition from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and other major centers that permit decision bouts over championship distances, but it has still managed to keep itself on the titular map.

California boasts one unique distinction. It is the last American stronghold of the bantamweights. The 118-pounders have become practically extinct everywhere else in the United States, but they still are popular in California, and the world championship is currently held by a native son, Manuel Ortiz.

Through the years, California has been a profuse developer of local ring talent. Many of the ring's most illustrious performers have been produced there. To list only some of the many, there have been Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Jim Jeffries, Aurelio Herrera, Eddie Hanlon, Jimmy Britt, Frankie Neil, Abe Attell, Joe Rivers, Willie Ritchie, Eddie Campi, Joe Benjamin, Young Jack Thompson, Fidel LaBarba, Fred Apostoli and that "Magnificent Madcap," Max Baer.

And the parade continues. Just peek through the current ratings of THE RING, and you'll see how conspicuous Californians are in several of the divisional lists.

For instance, Enrique Bolanos and Rudy Cruz of Los Angeles and Jesse Flores of Stockton run one-two-three in the lineup of Ike Williams' lightweight rivals.

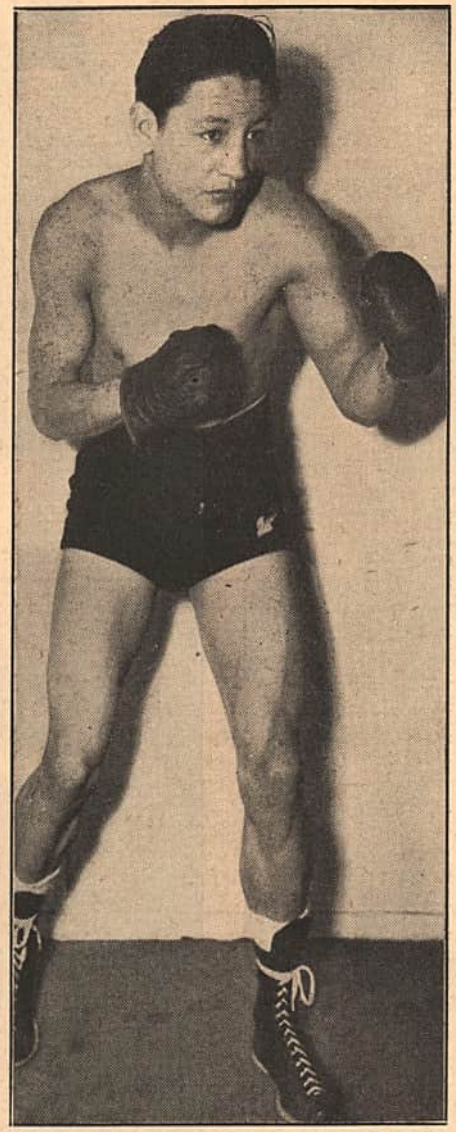
Carlos Chavez of Los Angeles is rated well up among Pep's ranking featherweight challengers, and his brother, Al Chavez, is a strong contender for Rinty Monaghan's flyweight laurels.

Oakland Billy Smith, who recently tossed a real shock into boxing circles by his smashing knockout of Bob Foxworth in Cincinnati, rates just behind Ezzard Charles as the most formidable of Gus Lesnevich's light-heavyweight rivals.

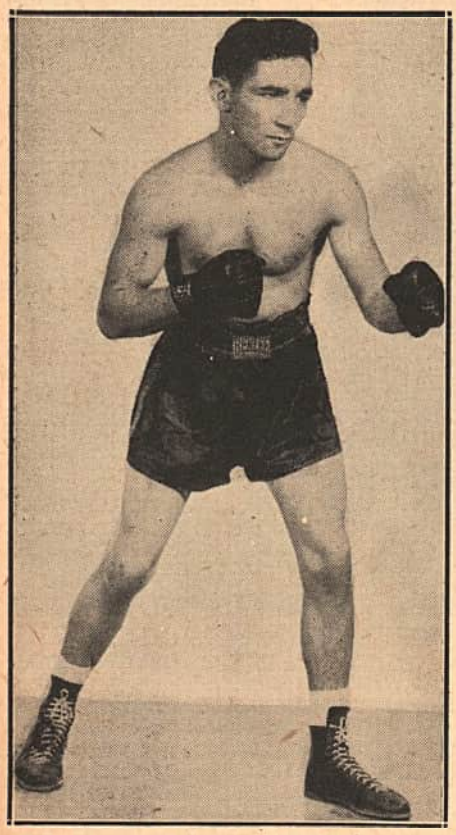
With headline talent so scarce all over the globe these days, California is indeed fortunate in having so many native sons available for major engagements. It's one spot where the champions can find plenty of action, if they're looking for it. And apparently they are, judging from the ambitious program on which the promoters have been working.

It looks, indeed, as though another California Gold Rush is on.

Oakland Billy Smith ranks high among Gus Lesnevich's light-heavy challengers.



Enrique Bolanos of Los Angeles is Champion Ike Williams' No. 1 rival.



Featherweight Champion Willie Pep may defend title in California.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

PROMOTER CLIFF THIEDE has expanded to include weekly boxing and wrestling cards at Pocatello, Idaho. His cards at Idaho Falls, Idaho, have drawn capacity houses for the past year.

Keith Nuttall, Brigham City, Utah, intermountain featherweight and lightweight champion, had no trouble in winning a 10 round decision over Nick Goray, Mexico City, April 15, at Garland, Utah. Nuttall won every round. Goray showed some classy footwork, however, causing Nuttall to miss some punches.

Benny Sadler, 130, Ogden, Utah, a rapidly developing young scrapper, kayoed Eddie Rivers, 132, Salt Lake City, Utah, in one minute and eight seconds of the first round on the same card. Sadler has now won nine bouts in nine starts as a professional.

The card was sponsored by the Garland Post of the American Legion.

Paul (Pepper) Martin, Twin Falls, Ida., Golden Gloves champion, has applied for a professional boxing license. Martin, who won the Northwest Golden Gloves title in March in Twin Falls, fights at 135 pounds.

Martin will be among headliners on cards being promoted for the Twin Falls American Legion Post by Frank Stanger. Proceeds benefit the Legion which lost about $2000 in underwriting the Northwest Golden Gloves meet, according to usually authentic sources.

Taking six of the 10 rounds, Harry (Kid) Mathews, 159½, Seattle, Washington, decisioned Remo Polidori, 169, Tooele, Montana, in the main event at the coliseum, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Harry, who displayed some classy fists, drew blood on Remo's face in the second round, and in the seventh it appeared for a time that the Utah fistman was going to take it on the canvas.

Nick Garcia kayoed Johnny Sands in the first round on the same card. "Rocky" Arnoc scored a technical knockout over Max Salazar in the second. "Red" Huff decisioned Manuel Singh in a six rounder. Al Romero and Ernie Valentino drew.

Gene Pearce kayoed Gil Matheson in the semi-final. Matheson floored Pearce in the opening round, but he protested to Referee Jimmy Shulsen that he could not hear the count and the contest was resumed.

Who is the best lightweight in the Intermountain ring will be decided this spring for bouts have been arranged for the three top men: Keith Nuttall, Ernie Hunick and Buddy Washington, promoters report.

Washington will go against Nuttall at Ogden, Utah; Hunick will meet Nuttall at Derks field in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Washington will exchange blows with Hunick at Union, Utah.

In previous engagements, Nuttall and Washington went to a 10 round draw; Nuttall kayoed Hunick in the second round; Hunick flattened Washington for the count in the fifth; Nuttall decisioned Hunick in a 10 rounder. The three fighters have agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds.

Dave Reynolds, Salt Lake City, and Dee Smith, Brigham City, Utah, are promoting the event at Derks field. The American Legion Post of Ogden is sponsoring the contest in that city, and the bout at Union will be under the auspices of the Union Lions Club.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

With ARCHIE PIROLLI

AT the Arena, Chicken Thompson, 176, Philadelphia, was knocked out by the veteran Jimmy Bivins, 186, Cleveland, in the seventh round. Thompson was outclassed and dropped for counts six times before the referee stepped in to end the one-sided fight.

Herbert (Biff) Jones, 135, Washington, dropped Jimmy Sims, 135, Philadelphia, five times before the referee stopped the uneven contest in the second round. Billy Gillard, 127, Philadelphia, defeated Danny Carabello, 120, New York, in six rounds. Mel Near, 130, Philadelphia, was stopped in the second round by Percy Bassett, 128½, Atlantic City, in the second round and Speedy Lawrence, 143½, Atlantic City, outpointed Johnny Bernardo, 143½, in six.

At the Cambria—Joey Fagan, 136, stopped Ray Klingmeyer, 139½, Baltimore, in the sixth. Reuben Davis, 127, Philadelphia, scored an upset by defeating Jimmy Sulla, 129, Philadelphia, in six rounds. Tony Alexander, 148, Philadelphia, halted Elliott Jamison, 151, Philadelphia, in the second round. Pete Mansi, 134, Philadelphia, knocked out Freddy Cavanaugh, 140, Philadelphia, in three.

Kid Gavilan, 146½, Cuba, won a split decision over Tommy Bell, 147½, Youngstown, O., in ten rounds at the Arena.

Dan Bucceroni, 175, Philadelphia, won his ninth victory in as many pro starts over Johnny Calcinore, 177, Philadelphia, in six. Joe Gannon, 162½, Washington, knocked out Tom Fambrough, 164½, Philadelphia, in the fourth. Otis Graham, 147½, North Philadelphia, defeated Leo Sawicki, 149, Worcester, Mass., in eight. Bobby Bell, 129½, Youngstown, outfought Gus Cosby, 131½, North Philadelphia, in six.

At the Cambria——Elton Evans, 171, Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Richards, 178, in the fifth. Evans was dropped for a seven count to come back and win. Tony Cocco, 120, defeated Earl Kelly, 111, Philadelphia, in six. Aaron Tart, 128, Philadelphia, defeated Joe Cuccinotti, 121, Philadelphia, in six and James McCombs, 162½, Philadelphia, stopped Pat Smith, 168, Philadelphia, in three.

George LaRover, 149, Philadelphia, gained a unanimous decision over Jimmy Briscoe, 143½, Washington, in eight rounds at the Cambria.

Scrappy Johnny Bernardo, 142½, K.O.'ed Sunny Bentley, 140, Philadelphia, in the fourth round. Pete Mansi, 135, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Cobbs, 135, Philadelphia, in the second round. Emmy Tucci, 135, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Johnny Fulton, 136, Philadelphia, in the first round, and Tony Alexander, 149, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Willie Smith, 148, in the third round.

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REPORT FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By FELIPE J. C. GALANGE

TIRSO DEL ROSARIO, featherweight title holder of the Philippines, blasted his way to a well earned knockout victory over Manuel Anduha, game and tough battler from Hawaii, in the 8th of their scheduled ten round bout. The Filipino had the Puerto Rican on the verge of a knockout at least four times before the fatal eighth. Anduha was saved by the bell twice, once in the 5th and again in the 7th. In the 6th, Tirso connected with a series of lefts and rights and the Puerto Rican went down for the first time. He got up at the count of 3, only to go down again as he ran into another right to the left temple. Anduha was shaking his head at the count of seven when the bell sounded. In the eighth Tirso uncorked a stiff left to the stomach and followed with a right to the chin. Anduha went down writhing in pain as the referee began the count. Anduha received the full count on his knees.

The Flash Sebastian-Carl Olson encounter proved a disappointment. Sebastian, who was heralded as a world ranking welter contender, put up a miserable exhibition. Sebastian was out on his feet in the 5th and from this juncture he absorbed the worst licking of his life. He was helplessly hanging on for dear life in the 7th and only a slight push sent the Filipino down for keeps. The referee did not bother to count him out.

The David Kui Kong Young-Kid Independence ten round encounter was declared a draw. Independence was a gory sight at the end of the battle with four cuts over his face. Little Dundee, local flyweight title holder, successfully defended his crown over Cunny Tony, the Visayan challenger. Dundee could have finished Tony earlier but he elected to finish the limit and gave the challenger a neat boxing lesson.

Young Gabring, Cavite hard hitting southpaw, knocked out Little Ibanes in the 5th round of their scheduled ten round main event at Imus Boxing Arena. Gabring's style baffled the Quiapo ringster who hardly landed a punch. The Cavite fighter chilled Ibanes with an explosive left to the chin. Both boys fought in the featherweight limit. Anong Junior stopped Ric Amado in the third round of the scheduled 6. Freddie Mack, another Imus fighter, stopped Little Leyte in the opening round. Young Dering drew with Young Baluyot in 4. Negros Boy outpointed Baby Mar in 4. Tony del Rosario knocked out Dado Reno in the second of a 4 rounder. Little Caesar outpunched Small Salvador in 4.

King Tut, leading contender for the featherweight championship of the Philippines, outpointed Kid Bascones, veteran trial horse of the featherweights, in eight rounds at Snyder Hall, Camp John Hay, Baguio City. A capacity crowd saw King Tut unleash a furious body attack to pile up points in most of the rounds. Bascones almost dropped Tut with a series of telling blows in the late rounds but the latter managed to keep away from danger. Young Gildo stopped Mike Dempsey in the 5th round.

Little Nene, Baguio City, Central Luzon and Northern Visayas featherweight champion, retained his Northern Visayas crown by knocking out Nicky Villa, the Visayan challenger, in the 5th round of a ten round main event at Odiongan, Romblon. Baby Chocolate of Laguna, stopped Star Salvador in the 4th round of another 10 rounder. V. Aman outpointed Young Billy Conn in 6. Young Atilano outscored Little Garcia in a 4 rounder.

WAYSIDE TALES

The Double-Cross that Failed

IN 1899 Joe Walcott, the Negro welterweight champion, was making a "meeting-all-comers" tour from coast to coast, and stopped off at Louisville, Ky., to take on a local welter for ten rounds. The latter was also a Negro, named Jim Ward, whose chances against the great Walcott, noted for conquering even heavyweights, did not appear very bright. Ward, however, was something of a diplomat, and sought out Joe for an interview the day before the contest.

"Mistah Walcott, sah," said Ward, "I knows of course as you kin beat me. An' I've come to ask you if you'd lemme stay the ten rounds, an' just git the decision without knockin' me out. I has a lot of friends in dis town, an' mah old father's gwine to be at the fight. Ah don't want the old man to see me murdered, Mistah Walcott, an' if you'll only lemme stick around for the distance, you'll be doin' me a favor I'll neveh forget."

Ward was a likeable young chap and Walcott, always a soft-hearted, easy-going fellow, took pity on the local light of fistiana. The champion laughed, agreed to have mercy on his opponent, and Ward went away happy. But Mr. Ward, besides being no mean puncher, was also a wily schemer. For eight rounds the champion outpointed his man, but eased up in his attack whenever Ward showed signs of distress. Joe was boxing carelessly, and just before the bell rang for the conclusion of the eighth frame, he left his jaw exposed, and Ward swung a right that had every ounce of strength he could put in it, square on the champion's unprotected jowl. Joe staggered and nearly went down, but clinched rapidly, and saved himself. When they came up for the ninth, Walcott seized Ward's glove and shook it heartily. Ward said hurriedly:

"You's making a mistake, Mistah Walcott. Dis ain't the last round."

"It's the last round for yo', brother!" retorted the champion, and hooked a left to the chin that tumbled Mr. Ward in a heap, knocked out cold!

JEFF SMITH, "The Bayonne Globe Trotter" a consistent middleweight

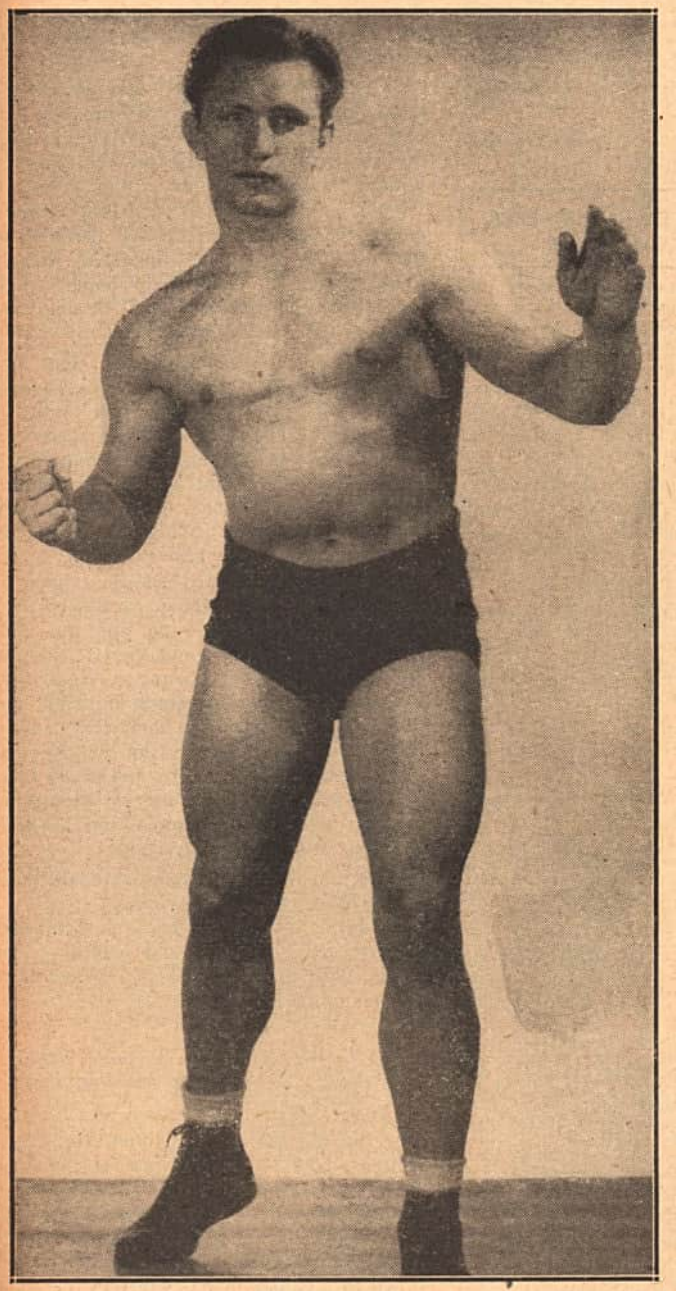
BAYONNE, New Jersey, should have had representation among the fistic champs. Jeff Smith was one of the most consistent middleweights ever known. When he was showing top form, the middleweight division was in disorder. He was unable to pin Champions O'Dowd, Wilson and Greb down to a titular match. He was the equal at least of any of these. He proved he didn't play second fiddle to Greb by outpointing the Pittsburgher twice in non-title frays.

As a light-heavyweight, Smith was also eligible for championship honors. However, he was unable to penetrate the title picture. Along came Gene Tunney in 1924, and administered such punishment to Smith, the Jerseyite began to slide. Smith stuck the fifteen rounds with Tunney but the traveling was tough in the final frames.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

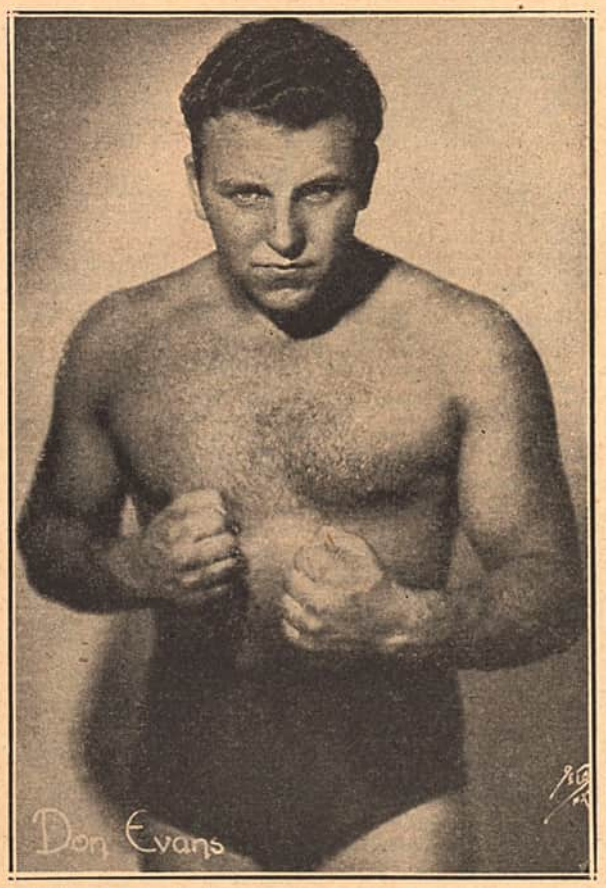
By "STANLEY"

AN old familiar face dropped into New York recently to make new friends and greet the old. The face belongs to Mike Mazurki, a lad who has made quite a name for himself both as a wrestler and as a Hollywood actor. Mike met the best stars in the world for over twenty years before turning to the movies. His recent Eastern tour as a wrestler is designed to keep him in condition for his strenuous roles in the flickers and naturally to pick up some extra dollars.



Herman "Dutch" Rhode, New York's leading drawing card. His rise from a preliminary wrestler to a main event star, is startling.

Mike is a giant of a man standing six feet five inches tall and weighing 250 pounds. He is popular with producers for strong man roles and is a natural as a rough pirate or a Japanese jiu jitsu artist. He is best remembered for his parts in "Behind the Rising Sun," "Murder My Sweet" and "The Spanish Main."



Don Evans, the roughy of the mat.

The French Angel is now showing his talents in Canada.

Hans Kampfer, who made such a great hit fifteen years ago, is still very active in the game.

Kimon Kudo, the fine jiu jitsu exponent, is headed for the Eastern seaboard after a successful run on the Pacific Coast.

Time for Jim Londos to reclaim his championship. He has come out of retirement every year for another comeback.

Hans Kampfer, the German veteran who is still going strong. Hans is still one of the most powerful men in the sport.

Mike Mazurki who has returned to the ring after several movie engagements.

Bronko Nagurski still the top draw at the box office in the Middle West.

Television broadcasts of wrestling bouts have made countless new fans and have helped promoters at the gate. After seeing a couple of matches via the magic tube, people get the urge to see the grunters in person, and to experience the color of the arena.

Word has reached this department from Belgium that Rene Vander Veken, a wrestler of exceptional merit, is anxious to visit the United States and compete against the best of our talent.

Rene's press clippings read like a press agent's dream. Won the Belgian amateur championship seventeen times, won the European Simon Pure title in Paris in 1933, gained the Belgian professional championship in 1947 and 1948.

He is listed as a perfect athlete with the perfect build. As a sideline Vander Veken has posed for some of the world's most famous painters and sculptors.

This wrestler has shown his powers in Spain, France, England, and almost every other European nation where wrestling is recognized as a sport.

The importation of experienced men such as Vander Veken could help the mat sport in America and give it that International flavor.

A letter from our old friend Prof. Jack Robinson of South Africa relating the powers of his son who is a mat champion in his own right at the tender age of twenty. Young Jack has never lost a wrestling match in his life and expects to try his luck in this country this summer.

Francois McKay, the fast Frenchman, startling onlookers with his amazing drop-kicks and footwork. His favorite hold is dropping to the mat and clamping on a leg lock while his victim is still in a standing position. When his opponent drops, McKay starts putting on the pressure, trying to gain the fall.

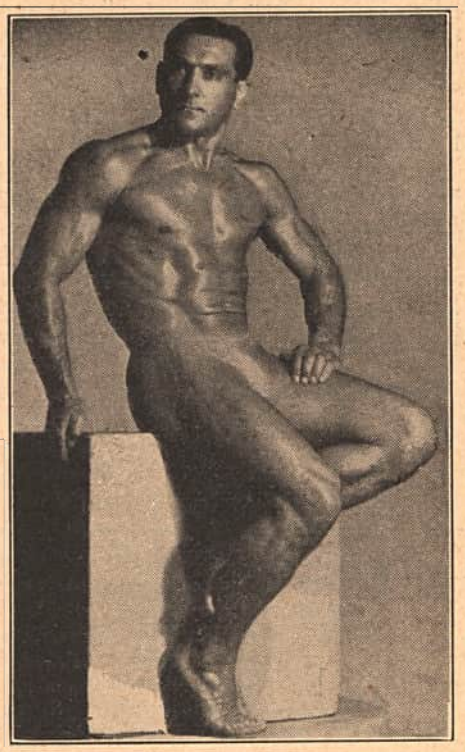
George Bothner, the great lightweight of bygone days, is one of the New York State Athletic Commission's best mat officials. Too old to referee, George now judges the matches. Leach Cross, one of the great lightweight fighters of the early part of the century, is also a judge.

George Lenihan, who was recently barred from wrestling in New York for striking a referee, has returned to action and is one of the big drawing cards around these parts. Lenihan is dynamite in the ring and has that unusual ability to make everybody in the arena hate him.

The letter we published in this column by Dan Morris of Columbus, Ohio, has caused our desk to be flooded with comments from interested readers. Dan, as you know, defended the position of the lightweight, welterweight, and middleweight wrestlers of the country. He believes that the introduction of these lighter men into the national circuits would do a great deal for the sport. This department agrees with Mr. Morris and has been plugging for that very same thing for many years.

One of the notes, pertaining to the Morris article, came from a fine middleweight matman from Buffalo, New York, Frank "Strangler" Millazzo. The latter has ambitions of working with Dan Morris to further the interests of lighter wrestlers. Good luck boys.

Also along these lines a New England promoter has offered to book wrestlers of any weight on his weekly wrestling cards in Massachusetts. For further information contact Adam Horoschak, Wrestling Promoter, Shelton, Connecticut.



Rene Vander Veken the Belgian Adonis.

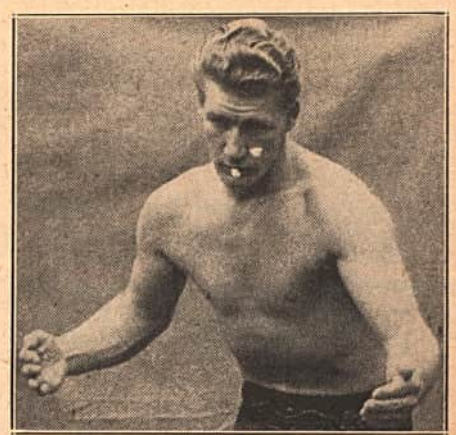
A wrestler on the Coast is booked under the eye catching handle "Senator Hartford." What a name!!!!

New York's best wrestling attraction at the present time is Herman "Dutch" Rhode. "Dutch" has a style of showmanship that acts as a magnet at the boxoffice. We have seldom seen a wrestler who has so fully understood what fans want to see in a match as does Rhode. Every move he makes is designed to cause some reaction with the audience. When Herman started to compete in this area, he was noted for his clean style and spectacular tactics. During the past few months, "Dutch" has changed to the role of the villain, and what a villain.

During a recent bout with Antonio Sinatra, Rhode had the fans on their feet during the entire forty minutes. They yelled, they screamed and even left their seats to get down close to the ring where Rhode could better hear their insults.

Herman has come up from a preliminary wrestler to a main eventer in a few short months.

Some grapplers never attain that distinction.



Jack Robinson Jr., a star from South Africa.

Legs and the Fighter (Continued from page 9)

Jack's roadwork consisted solely of going through the motions for press and movie photographers. Leo P. Flynn, great manager and trainer, implored Jack to hit the road, but without avail. In action against sparring mates, Dempsey, ordinarily catlike in action and tigerish in attack, boxed flat-footed. Leo used to howl: "Get off those flats and up on yer toes."

For the return match, one year later, at Chicago, Dempsey trained at the Lincoln Park Race track. Each afternoon his publicity staff would announce that Jack had reeled off four miles on the track. Skeptical sports writers soon proved this a dream by spotting the scene for two weeks. Unless Jack was disguised as a horse, he never appeared for a gallop.

This neglect proved costly and robbed Jack of a chance to regain the title after he floored Gene for the "long count" and failed to catch Tunney, even though Gene ran backwards. Dempsey's legs were almost useless.

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BABE RUTH in baseball, Bill Tilden in tennis, Dempsey in boxing, still might be at the top of their professions but for the failure of their limbs. Ruth at 40, still could hit home run balls yet he could not circle the bases. His eyes, arms, nerves and timing were perfect when his underpinning collapsed.

Tilden at 52, most marvelous of all the old-timers, can hold his own with all the current amateur and pro tennis champs for two sets, after which his aging "pups" rebel.

In games such as bowling and billiards, where the legs are not used vigorously, the topnotchers blithely pass or approach sixty years still supreme. Willie Hoppe and Joe Falcaro are shining examples.

Roadwork is monotonous, dreary toil with marked benefits to boxers in particular and it frequently led to humorous and dramatic situations.

Mike McTigue, former light-heavyweight champion, and Gene Tunney, then just another promising heavyweight, each with a fervent hatred of the other, were training at nearby camps at Saratoga Springs during 1925.

The cantankerous Michael sent a bristling communique to Gene commanding Tunney to keep off a road they both used in workouts or Mike would knock Gene's block off.

Tunney made it his business to accost "Bould Michael" on the path in dispute the very next day. Gene coldly polite, repressing his emotions, calmly said that he accepted Mike's challenge and promptly squared off.

Mike, turned crimson, backed away and diplomatically informed his enemy that they would be foolish to battle in private when they could gain a big purse in the ring. With that, McTigue sprinted away. He never used that road again and, needless to relate, never met Tunney chiefly because their managers could not agree on terms. There never was any doubt as to Mike's courage.

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MAX SCHMELING was another believer in plenty of roadwork. He jogged about eight miles almost daily, especially when he defended his title against the late Young Stribling, in Cleveland, July 3, 1931.

And Stribling? He was on the road daily, speeding along on a motorcycle. His lack of roadwork was responsible for his knockout two seconds before the bout would have ended.

Referee George Blake stopped the match while Stribling was on his feet.

Lew Jenkins, former lightweight champion, also frequently did his road stint, mounted on a motorcycle. You know what happened to Lew.

Perhaps the most curious method of exercise for strengthening the limbs was employed by Georges Carpentier, the French fighter, who took ballet lessons. Dave Shade and Maxie Rosenbloom, likewise took to Terpsichorean endeavors on night club floors, to dance into tiptop fettle.

To Vittorio Compolo, Italian heavyweight, went the prize for lazy legwork. He sat on a rocking chair for hours at Gus Wilson's Orangeburg, N. Y., camp and just rocked and rocked.

Max Baer, Primo Carnera and Paulino Uzcudun, rarely ever missed a daily spin on the highway, in an auto.

Ray Robinson and a sparring mate, ran along a path which skirted a cemetery. They noted a large tombstone. One day, following a minor cloudburst, they became terrified when they noticed the tombstone tilted halfway over the grave. Ray's pal gave a frightened whoop and yelled: "That guy's trying to get out," as he bolted away.

To athletes who may doubt the value of roadwork, we refer them to Uncle Sam's army. No matter how our GI's griped about the 20 and 30-mile hikes, overseas vets all admit this hardening process saved many lives.

Reminiscences

(Continued from page 17)

the scribes to predict an exceedingly bright future for him.

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AT the time when O'Brien was in the saddle, a great Australian battler, "Cocker" Tweedie, a featherweight, was cutting quite a figure in boxing in his native land and in California. He left the Antipodes in 1901 and for several years was an attraction in the far west. Like Young Griffo he was an eccentric fellow. He was born in Sydney, New South Wales, in 1873 and were it not that he was extremely fond of his liquor, he would have gone high in the fistic profession.

Old time American fight fans probably remember the erratic, but clever and stylish Australian who spent a short stay in this country. He was almost as clever as Griffo, but lacked many other essentials of the great fighter.

At the end of his fighting career, Tweedie earned a living as a "picker up" for shearers at the various sheep stations in Australia. After finishing their job at one certain station, it was the custom of those easy going, hard working individuals to indulge in what they foolishly described as having a good time. During that period they blew the large, well earned check in one big booze. It was not an uncommon occurrence for $500, one man's pay, to disappear in a single night and then, seeking employment, the unfortunate fools would smilingly make their way to another place where there were sheep to be shorn.

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ON one occasion the boys hit the hard stuff with a vengeance and soon the local lock-up was not capable of housing all the drunks. Tweedie drank his share but was not gathered in until late in the evening when the only available place was the morgue and it was upon a marble slab that the "Cocker" was draped and left by the police to sober up.

It was a cold, hard bed but the night was an extremely hot one and the valiant "Cocker," as drunk as forty cats, didn't mind such trifles and he slept on as if he were home in his own bed.

During the night a dead Chinaman was brought along and his remains were also placed on the slab. While in his waking moments Tweedie, feeling the pressure, requested the corpse to move over and when the corpse "refused," Tweedie gave it a shove and sent it hurtling to the floor.

The sergeant of the police in charge of the morgue was an eye witness to all that happened and when in the morning he and the undertaker made the rounds of the house of the dead, the sergeant woke up Tweedie and pointing to what was his bed-mate, remarked, "Now Tweedie you have done something for yourself. Why you have killed the man."

With great fear, "Cocker" looked at what he really thought might have been his handy work and quickly defended himself.

"Lorblime, sergeant he hit me first."

Tweedie was mortified when he learned the truth.

"Cocker" Tweedie developed tuberculosis and because of his heavy drinking, he couldn't fight against the ravage. He lingered for some time and died at Waterfall, Australia, on February 24, 1913.

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ADDITIONAL CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

WHEN Referee Ben Hardwick (Wales) raised the hand of Johnny Molloy (St. Helens), 125¼, as the winner over Al Phillips, 126 (Aldgate), at the end of 12 rounds, he started the heaviest booing heard after any bout at the Royal Albert Hall in recent years.

These featherweights were meeting in the final eliminating contest to find an opponent to meet Ronnie Clayton for the British title. Programmes torn to pieces and other missiles were thrown into the ring and the uproar was kept up for 10 minutes before the next bout was allowed to continue, and the master of ceremonies, Patsy Hagate, was not given a chance to announce the next contest in the usual manner.

Of the contest, I am at a loss how a first class referee as Ben Hardwick is credited to be, could have come to the decision he did, for on my card I made Molloy win the first three and the last round, Phillips without any doubt whatsoever won the other eight rounds. Nat Fleischer, who was present, gave Phillips eight rounds to four.

One of the best performances seen in any ring was put up by the Finnish bantamweight Elis Ask, 119¾, against a tough bantam in the little fisherman, Ronnie Draper, 119¾ (Southampton), in their 8 round contest. This was the first appearance of Ask in a British ring, and I venture to state that it won't be the last. Ask is a polished workman. He hits from all angles and would be a worthy opponent for any featherweight in Great Britain or America. The Finn won every round, and to the credit of Draper, he battled with great courage against a lad who will make the best in the world travel hard to avert defeat.

Henry Hall (Sheffield), 148½, fought well to defeat Yrjoe Pittulainen, welterweight champion of Finland, 148½, at the end of the sixth round, the referee after inspecting the Finn's closed optic, decided that he would not be fit to continue.

Albert Finch (Croydon), 158¾, sprang a big surprise when he defeated the undefeated Leamington-Spa middleweight, Randy Turpin, 158¼, in 8 rounds. Finch deserved his win by his aggressiveness in the last two rounds. This was Turpin's first defeat in the professional ranks.

Charlie Esquire (Coventry), 112, was awarded the decision over Dickie O'Sullivan (Finsbury Park), 112½, by a narrow margin over 8 rounds.

Ben Duffy (Jarrow) upset the odds at Newcastle by outpointing Ronnie Clayton, British and Empire featherweight title holder, over 10 rounds. The referee was the ex-featherweight champion, Seaman Tommy Watson.

Stan Hawthorne (North Shields) outpointed Micky Thompson (Lowestoft) over 10 rounds at Leeds. Ric Sanders (Leicester) outpointed Jimmy Molloy (Liverpool) in an 8 round welterweight contest.

Tommy Davies (Welsh middleweight champion) gained a good points win over Geoff Heath (Worcester) in a 10 rounds contest at Pontardawe.

Ginger Roberts (Newcastle), 138, won on points after a thrilling 8 rounds contest over Jackie Marshall (Glasgow), 138, at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Stan Rowan (Liverpool), 120¾, won in the third round against the hard hitting French featherweight, Louis Fernandez, 119, at the Liverpool Stadium. Fernandez received a badly cut eye, and the referee intervened. Ben Jorden (Bridlington), 130, outpointed Tom Bailey (Liverpool), 127, over 8 rounds. Stan Gossip (Hull), 127, outpointed Chris Kelly (Liverpool) in a terrific 8 round contest.

Morty Kelleher (Ireland), 129, outpointed Arthur Dykes (Notts), 126 lbs., over 8 rounds at Slough.

Kid Tanner, the Evergreen British Guianan, won on points over Jackie Hughes (Wales) in an 8 round contest at Western-Super-Mare. Tanner scaled 125 against Hughes' 128½. Stan Burniston (Barry), 152, knocked out Jim Bryan (Bournemouth) in the sixth round.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd (Norwich), 169½, outsmarted Lloyd Barnett of Jamaica, 171, in their 8 round contest at Lwyton and won on points.

Charlie Kerr (Glasgow), 117½, gained the bantamweight championship of Scotland by outpointing the holder, Teddy O'Niel (Dumbarton), 118, in 15 rounds at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. Al Chavez, American flyweight, and Norman Tennent (Dundee) met in a return contest in 10 rounds and as in their previous bout, the decision was a draw, after a ding-dong struggle.

Willie Whyte (Glasgow), 152, knocked out Roy Peterson (Jamaica), 153¾, in the fifth round. Bobby Boland (Dundee), 119½, stopped Owen Johnson (Derby), 119½, in the fifth, when the referee intervened. Jim Healy (Manchester) outpointed Frank Kenny (Glasgow) over 6 rounds.

Ron Bissell (Rotherham), 119, outpointed Billly Hodgson (Lancaster), 120½, in the feature bout at Rotherham.

Sammy Sullivan (Preston), 149¾, knocked out Johnny Proffitt (Rugby), 149¼, in the second round at Preston. Jimmy Green (Warrington), 119½, outpointed Billy Tansey (Manchester), 117½, in 10 rounds.

Harry Greenberg, who stages weekly shows in four different halls, started his first open air venture for the summer season at Leyton Football Ground, but the weather man was not too good to the promoter, but a crowd of 7,000 gamely sat through the programme of exciting bouts. In the Feature contest, Andre Famechon (France), 137½, defeated Tommy Barnham (Fulham), 135¼, when the referee, Jack Morris, wisely stopped the contest at the end of the seventh round after Barnham had received a very bad cut under the right eye. Both boxers suffered cuts above the eyes and Barnham was more affected by the further cut, and as stated the referee was in order in stopping the contest. Ronnie Burr (Balham), 119¾, outpointed Sammy Reynolds (Wolverhampton), 120 lbs., over 8 rounds. Charlie Collett (Hemel Hempstead), 210, stopped Frank Ronan (Fulham), 192¾, in the 4th round. Jimmy Davis (Bethnal Green), 159, outpointed Bert Hyland (Ireland), 159, in 8 rounds. Teddy Lee (Islington), 149¼, knocked out Billy Hall (Bournemouth), 148¾, in the first round with a left hook to the jaw. Bob Reeve (Plaistow), 158, outpointed Len Roberts (Hayes), 155¾, over 4 rounds.

George Dilks (South Elmsall), 159¼, knocked out Jimmy Bray of Liverpool, 154, in the fourth round at Leeds, thus winning the No. 9 Area of North Central England. Charlie Roberts (Bradford), 152, defeated Johnny Downes (Manchester), 147½, in the 4th round when the latter was forced to retire with a cut eye.

Roy Ball (Pontypool) knocked out Ivor Gravell (Abertillery) in 65 secs. of the 1st round with a right to the jaw. Billy Davies (Nantyglo), Welsh flyweight champion, outpointed Dennis Sale (Northwich) over 8 rounds.

Jack Farr (Abertillery) won the Welsh cruiserweight title, when he outpointed Elfryn Morris in 15 rounds at Hereford. Farr scaled 162, and Morris, 173. The sad end to this show was the passing of D. W. Davis, manager of Morris and a large string of Midland boxers. Davis collapsed in the dressing room of Morris and did not recover after being removed to the local hospital. Dai was a credit to the sport of boxing and was 62 years of age. May His Soul rest in peace.

The writer also wishes to record the passing of one of England's hardest hitters and toughest fighters in Alf Simmons of Hackney who passed away after a long illness. Alf Simmons, one of Nature's Gentlemen, was well liked by all who came in contact with him. May His Soul rest in peace.

Ritchie "Kid" Tanner (British Guiana) outpointed Len Shaw of Sheffield in the main bout over 8 rounds at Northampton.

Jock Taylor (Sidcup), 168, gained a narrow points win over Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, 168, of Norwich over 8 rounds at Croydon.

Bob Burniston (Barry), 149¾, defeated Alf Taylor (Warrington), 144¼, in the eighth of a 10 round bout at the Stadium, Liverpool. Taylor retired at the end of the round with a damaged shoulder. Black Bond (Jamaica), 128, outpointed Ronnie Taylor (Horwich), 125, over 8 rounds. Johnny Morgan (Tirphil) knocked out Zak Spooner (Warrington) in the 2nd of a welterweight bout.

Kid Tanner is a busy boxer these days, and at Douglas, Isle of Man he outpointed Dave Lloyd (Swansea) in 8 rounds after a good bout. Taffy Jones (Widnes) outpointed Peter Gaskell (Wigan) in 6. Noel Sinfield (Wombwell) outpointed in 6. Paddy Coyne (Ireland) outpointed Nick Lucas (Douglas) in 6, and Eric Hague (Wombwell) gained a points win over Pat Burke (Widnes) in 6.

Jackie Paterson (Glasgow) took part in his first contest since losing his world's flyweight title to Rinty Monaghan, and for his opponent he had Fernando Rosa of Italy over 10 rounds at 120. The contest took place in Glasgow and at the weigh in, Paterson was 15 oz. overweight, and paid £50 (250 dollars) forfeit. Paterson's performance was quite good, for although boxing on the retreat for a few rounds, he found an opening and scored with several of his damaging right hand swings to the Italian's head and jaw. After halfway with Rosa in the lead, Paterson went to town and damaged his opponent's eye so badly that the latter signalled to his corner that he could not see out of that optic, and they threw in the towel, which was accepted by the referee and Paterson was hailed as the winner in the eighth round.

Johnny Best continues to pack them in at his Liverpool "Stadium." He featured Johnny Boom (Stratford), 122¾, against Gus Foran (Liverpool), 124, over 10 rounds, but a clash of heads in the third round, with Boom the sufferer with a very bad right eye, his seconds retired for him at the end of the round. The bout between Bert Jorden (Bridlington), 128, and Jackie Lucraft (Islington), 127½, was a thriller for eight rounds. In the last three rounds the crowd was on their toes shouting and cheering both boys till the end, with Jorden obtaining the decision of Jack Hanlon by a narrow margin. Billy Kenrick (Widnes) outpointed Bernard Pugh (Liverpool) over eight rounds of a featherweight bout. Al Kenny (Liverpool) knocked out Paddy Burke (Warrington) in the first round, and Jimmy Burns (St. Helens) stopped Andy Blyth (Chester) in the fifth round.

CANADIAN TOPICS

By LAWSON BAMPTON

JOHNNY GRECO sustained his first defeat in a local ring in seven years when he lost a hardfought ten-round decision to the former world's lightweight champion, Beau Jack, but he lost little if any prestige though outsped by his old rival. Jack was in great form and Greco could not keep him trapped long enough to do effective damage. The fight was contested at a fast pace all the way and went over big with the fans, who contributed close to $52,000 to establish a new Canadian gate record.

Beau Jack's rapid-fire glove tossing, frequent spectacular bolo-punching and his agility of foot made a hit with the fans and a return bout against Greco would be a ballpark filler in mid-summer. In the meantime, Greco is prepping to defend his Canadian welter title against Harry Hurst again.

Fernando Gagnon, Canadian bantam and feather champ, had his hands full with Frankie Pucci, tough Torontonian, in the scheduled ten round semi-final but his whiplash wallops opened Pucci's eye-cuts and hostilities were halted in the third stanza. Carey Mace, Lou Viscusi's welter protege, outbattled Eli de Loech in a six rounder and Joe K.O. Pyle got the range with his right hand and hung his middle monicker on Ruby Margolin, young Sherbrooke welter, in the third of a scheduled six. Paul Thibault and Chuck Giberson, local feathers, battled to a four round draw in the opener of the excellent card lined up by Matchmaker Raoul Godbout.

Dave Castilloux made an impressive return to action when he stopped Tommy Murray in the ninth of their scheduled ten round headliner of Jimmie McKimmie's offering at the Coliseum. Castilloux opened up with one of the most aggressive displays he has ever shown. Murray gamely took a terrific pasting, including lacerations from glove laces, head and shoulder butts and innumerable low blows, for some of which Castilloux was warned and lost rounds.

Eddie (Joe Beef) Leboeuf, sensational young welter, turned in somewhat of an upset to remain unbeaten by knocking out Ralph Walton in the fourth round of the semi-final. The "Beef," just turned nineteen, is undoubtedly the brightest fistic prospect in Canada right now.

Nick Primiani, making his first local appearance, scored impressively by stopping Rocco Marcil, a tough, hardhitting lad, in the third of their scheduled six. In the only bout that went the limit, Jerry Laliberte outscored Paul Paquette in a close battle.

Hal Cullain, a local boy who is employed in Cornwall, Ontario, exploded his dynamite early and effectively when he connected with a right cross in 23 seconds to flatten Rosaire Sirois, local lightweight.

STRAY SHOTS—The Coliseum take was slightly under $2500 though it looked to be more . . . . the free passing of politicians fills up much space and is unfair . . . . the Commission should take steps to see this is rectified . . . . Tony Ducharme, rising local lightweight, had his win ning streak of some 10 straight broken when he dropped a close, hardfought ten round bout to Timothy "Buddy" Hayes in Worcester . . . . with a little more experience, he should bear plenty of watching . . . . Marcel LaChapelle, rangy local feather, advancing steadily with smart wins . . . . he stopped Young Junior and Vic Young, who are fair fighters . . . . cheerio till next month.

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Charles, the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING STAFF

WHILE New York's greatest fight arena, Madison Square Garden was idle due to the circus which occupied the House that Tex Built for six weeks and the strike of the Managers' Guild which prevented the Twentieth Century Sporting Club from operating at the St. Nicholas Arena, boxing throughout this country and abroad was carried on with a vim. In Europe several championship matches and elimination contests were staged in which keen action was enjoyed by the fans, and in this country some of our outstanding fighters participated in bouts prior to the opening of the outdoor season.

Several of these bouts resulted in upsets and caused the elimination from the ranking ten of the losers. Among the upsets was the knockout of Elmer Ray by Ezzard Charles in the ninth round, a bout that brought to Charles the honor of being listed as "The Fighter of the Month." So severe a shellacking did Charles give to his much heavier opponent, that the result indicated clearly that Ray no longer could be considered as a threat for heavyweight honors.

Charles' victory not only clinched his right to a championship match with Gus Lesnevich for the light heavyweight crown, a bout for which he has been clamoring without success for several years, but proved that if Ezzard cares to mingle with the heavyweights only, he stands an excellent chance of soon gaining the top challenger's post. The fact that Ray previously had beaten Jersey Joe Walcott, Louis' next opponent, and later lost a close verdict to Jersey Joe, shows the calibre of the heavyweight lads. The only reason Charles is not rated in the highest division, is because he prefers to fight for the light-heavyweight crown. He is rated in the section for which his weight calls.

Several new comers are listed in this issue. In the trip abroad made by THE RING Editor, he saw several excellent fighters, who previously had not received American recognition and these are now listed. Robert Villemain is one of them. He rates high in the welterweight division in which class he holds both the French and the European championships. Though in his bout with Eric Boon, the best and most thrilling battle seen by THE RING Editor in London, Villemain scaled 151 pounds. He can make the welterweight limit and would give most of our top men a tough battle. Only a handful of American lads at this stage are his superiors and therefore he has been placed number five in this issue's ratings.

Another star was unearthed by the Editor in Elis Ask, by far the best of all European prospects. Elis, a lanky bantam built like Al Brown and Kid Chocolate, is a combination fighter and boxer who would make a big hit in the States. He possesses everything requisite of an excellent fighter and is our choice for ninth position among the bantams. If he comes to America and makes the journey to California as he hopes, he will be a big hit on the Pacific Coast where he can obtain many lucrative bouts.

Louis Skena, the lad who recently won the French title by beating Mustaphaoui, is another excellent prospect. He, like Sandeyron, holder of the European crown in his division, is a pleasing battler and has gained fourth post in the flyweight ratings.

Sid Peaks, by continuing his knockout streak, has jumped from sixth to third position in the heavyweight ranks.

The defeat of Tommy Gomez by Alfredo Lagay of Argentina, dropped Tommy to eighth post and gave Lagay the number seven spot.

Elmer Ray has dropped to tenth from his high position of Number Two which he occupied in the previous issue.

Here are the important results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Sid Peaks knocked out Harold Guss, 10, and Perk Daniels, 3. Guss won a decision over Jackie Thompson, 8. Sid Peaks kayoed Johnny Shkor, 2.

Alfredo Lagay upset Tommy Gomez, 10. Jimmy Bivins decisioned Pat Valentino, 10. Lee Savold knocked out Buddy Walker, 1.

Elmer Ray was knocked out of the heavyweight picture in nine rounds by Ezzard Charles. Kid Riviera defeated Pat Comiskey, 10. Colion Chaney knocked out Mose Brown, 9. Joey Maxim defeated Louis Berlier, 10, and Francisco de la Cruz, 10.

Rusty Payne kayoed Fitzie Fitzpatrick 1. Frank Ronan outpunched Al Robinson, 8, and decisioned Phil Van Niekerk, 8. Derek Alexander outpointed Dennis Powell, 6.

Jack Kikard whipped Gerry McDermott, 6. Johnny Colan defeated Jimmy Carollo twice in eight rounders. Enrico Bertola stopped Jimmy Roberts, 7. Henry Flake beat Lee Oma, 10. Bill Peterson defeated Joe Kahut, 15.

Johnny Flynn whipped Vern Mitchell, 10. Jerry McSwain nodded Dutch Culbertson, 10. Tiger Jack Fox kayoed Charley Eagle, 5. Art Williams defeated Joe Mason, 6.

Whirlwind Wetson stopped Tony Gillo, 6. Carmine Vingo won from Fred McManus, 6. Mike Campforella whipped Dick Lee, 4. Roland LaStarza outclassed Freddie McManus, 6, and kayoed John Holloway, 5.

Joe Chesul beat Jimmy Johnson, 6. Ben Rusk defeated Ted Walters, 6. Gene Gosney beat Phil Alston, 8.

The Irish giant, Jim Cully, who stands 7 feet, 2 inches tall and weighs 265 pounds, made his American debut with a one-round kayo over Wally Baden. Melio Bettina stopped Jackie Fisher, 5. Bernie Reynolds whipped Eddie Blunt, eight.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles knocked out Elmer Ray in nine rounds.

Archie Moore halted Doc Williams, 7, and then Archie defeated Oakland Billy Smith in 10. Doc Williams went on to whip Roy Williams, 10. Billy Smith outpointed Charley Banks, 10, and Banks also dropped a six-rounder to Lin Brosier.

Freddie Mills stopped Ken Shaw in one round. Bob Satterfield chilled Art Swiden, 1. Reg Spring scored a technical kayo over Paddy Roche when the bout was stopped in the second because of a cut over the latter's eye. Trevor Burt decisioned Ronnie Croad, 8, but was beaten by Ollie Williams, 8.

Ginger Sadd stopped Pat Stribling, 6, and whipped Koffi Kiteman, 8. Johnny Williams outpointed Bobby Ogg, 5. Dick Wagner drew with Tom McKeagney, 8.

Pat McCafferty chilled Billy Davis, 4, and beat Lou King, 10. George Millich outscored Marvin Liddell, 10. Dan Bucceroni won over John Calcinore, 6.

Joe Lindsay beat Bob Isler, 6. Elton Evans chilled Jimmy Richards, 5. Jackie Burke chilled Paulie Blanks, 3. Ted Lowry won over Billy Grant, 10. Roy Snead stopped Eddie Dutton, 6.

Joe Modzele kayoed Jack Stauffer, 1. Vernon Williams decisioned Speedy Duval, 6. Bobby Quinn stretched Harry Balazerian, 1. Tony DiMiccio beat Jay Johnson, 6.

Bobby Wingfield chilled Eddie Neuguth, 1, but Eddie came back to take a four-round decision over Wingfield. Dan Bucceroni chilled Dick Lee, 1.

Harold Johnson defeated Vernon Williams, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Anton Raadik put an end to the boxing career of Georgie Abrams by stopping the latter in ten rounds. Chuck Hunter upset Steve Belloise, 10, in a much-disputed decision.

Bert Lytell halted Jackie Darthard in 7. Darthard succumbed following the kayo. Lee Sala upset Sonny Horne, 10. Australian champion, Dave Sands, knocked out light-heavyweight Doug Rollinson, 1, and whipped light-heavyweight Jack Marr, 12.

Allen Faulkner outscored O'Neill Bell, 10. Carl Olson defeated Bob Castro, 10. Albert Finch beat Randolph Turpin, 8. Ern Jarvis drew with Rex Murphy, 12.

Owen Moase stopped Bill Burns, 11. Don Lee edged Oswaldo Silvo, 10, and Jackie Parks, 10. Mickey Doyle halted Lou Valles, 6. Joe Danos halted Jimmy Watson, 6. Danos beat Jackie Keough 8. Danos stopped Emil Evans, 3.

Tony Janiro knocked out Frankie Cordino, 1. Bee Bee Wright won from Bobby Lee, 10, and Van Butler, 10. Claude Ritter defeated Jose Ferrer, 10.

Harry Matthews whipped Remo Polidori, 10. Richie Dallas beat Jerry Heminger, 6. Bob Murphy stopped Johnny Myers, 5. Dick Smith stopped Russ Baxter, 7.

Jackie Keough whipped Lafayette Drummond, 8. Russell Richter outpointed Ted DiGiammo, 8, and in a return go Richter kayoed Teddy in 2.

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending May 14, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Rocky Graziano	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Marcel Cerdan	Bernard Docusen
2—Jimmy Bivins	Freddie Mills	Bert Lytell	Gene Burton
3—Sid Peaks	Archie Moore	Tony Zale	Ralph Zannelli
4—Joey Maxim	Dave Sands	Anton Raadik	Doug Ratford
5—Lee Savold	Billy Smith	Chuck Hunter	Robert Villemain
6—Henry Flake	Billy (Chicken) Thompson	Steve Belloise	Kid Gavilan
7—Alfredo Lagay	Lloyd Marshall	Major Jones	Beau Jack
8—Tommy Gomez	Billy Fox	Jose Basora	Johnny Greco
9—Arturo Godoy	Bob Foxworth	Lee Sala	Frankie Fernandez
10—Elmer Ray	Nick Barone	Jake LaMotta	Tippy Larkin

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Sandy Saddler	Guido Ferracin	Dado Marino
2—Jesse Flores	Charley Riley	Luis Galvani	Maurice Sandeyron
3—Johnny Williams	Carlos Chavez	Jackie Paterson	Monito Flores
4—Rudy Cruz	Chico Rosa	Tirso del Rosario	Louis Skena
5—Maxie Docusen	Jose Gonzalez	Theo Medina	Raoul Degryse
6—Andre Famechon	Ray Famechon	Fernando Gagnon	Dickie O'Sullivan
7—Paddy DeMarco	Manny Ortega	Peter Kane	Al Chavez
8—Freddie Dawson	Jackie Graves	David Kui Kong Young	Emile Famechon
9—Terry Young	Harold Dade	Elis Ask	Terry Allen
10—Paulino Montes	Eddie Compo	Danny O'Sullivan	Norman Tennet

Leroy Coleman outpointed Primos Cutler, 8. Lanny Trader stopped Al Michaud. Wayne Strowbridge shaded Kenny Barton, 8.

Chick Musgrove whipped Ramon Dioses, 10. Randy Brown drew with Jimmy Mangia, 8. Herman McCray outpointed Leroy Coleman, 8. Joey Juliano outscored Joey Peralta, 8.

Mel Barnhart stiffened Dave McAllister, 1. Al Evans chilled Bill Daley, 2. Andy DePaul bested Dom Marchese, 8. Art Hardy outpointed Bert Mendoza, 10.

Eddie Ahearn nodded Jim Leslie, 4. Joe Taylor chilled George Williams, 6. Taylor stopped Reecy Davis, 3. Mike Carney chilled Frank Waite, 1, but lost to Ray Oliverto, 6.

Joe Blackwood won from Johnny Walker, 10. Pat Vendrillo trounced Lanny Trader, 6. Bert Sanders outpointed Billy Hall, 8, but Hall turned around to stop Johnny Pitt, 5.

Horace Bailey halted Bill Dooley, 4. Joe Tate whipped Floyd Stefany, 8. Charley Zack whipped Gene Boland, 10. Charley Williams nodded Jimmy King, 10.

Tony Masciarelli kayoed Sam Wilson, 1, but lost to Pete Mead, 10. Joe Gannon stopped Tom Fambrough, 4. Ozzie Harris halted Cliff Beckett, 8, but lost to Joe DeJohn, 10.

Mile Savage beat Frankie Angustain, 10. Bob Morgan stopped Tony Pellizzi, 1. Gordon Ifill stopped Al Vivolo, 2. Hayward Wornum halted Frankie Ross, 5.

Earl Peoples beat Charley Zellers, 4. Bob Simmons outscored Dick Smith, 10. Eddie Miller defeated Pete McNamara, 8. Lee Patrick stopped Julie Leonard, 5. Joey Falco beat Carl Gush, 10.

Danny Martin halted Gene Farland, 8. J. T. Ross whipped Paul Perkins, 10. Red Arrow stiffened Henry Holt, 1, and beat Art Skinner, 6. Charlie Dawson halted Larry Shaw, 1. Tony Riccio whipped Joe Reddick, 10.

Johnny Potenti whipped Ike Stevenson, 10. Gene Boland beat Tony Riccio, 10.

Roy Williams chilled Al Wright, 1. Billy Spangler nodded Danny Ruggiero, 10.

Bobby James stopped Buster Rose, 2. Rocky Castellani chilled Leo Sawicki, 4. Ace McCloskey stopped Joe Smith, 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Doug Ratford upset Kid Gavilan, 10, and Laurie Buxton in 8. Gavilan came back to shade Tommy Bell in 10.

Ralph Zannelli shaded Berry Wright, 10. George Costner defeated Jackie Wilson, 12. Wilson beat Earl Turner, 10. Robert Villemain knocked out Eric Boon, 10.

Bernard Docusen whipped Nick Moran, 10. Honey Johnson stopped Buster Tyler in 8.

Tippy Larkin defeated Billy Kearns, 10. Joe Lucignano, 10, and then finished up his month's work with a win over Ruby Kessler in 10. Frankie Fernandez knocked out Bobby Yaeger, 7.

Livio Minelli stopped Ralph Minz, 3. Henry Hall knocked out Willie Whyte, 10. Jim Wellard flattened Stan Hawthorne, 2, and Hawthorne came back to draw with Fernando Ianilli, 8.

Australian Champion Tommy Burns kayoed Bobby Maloney, 3. Billy de Belin decisioned Alfie Sands, 12, and Clem Sands, 12. Clem Sands outfought Billy McLean, 12, and knocked out Tommy Jones, 5.

Ken Murphy outpointed Joe Webster, 12. Tommy Ward defeated Jackie Daniels, 12. Lester Felton decisioned Frank Fraser, 6.

Carey Mace beat Ruby Margolin, 10, but was stopped by Bert Linam, 2. Shamus McCray defeated Aaron Perry, 10. Joe Danos stopped Emil Evans, 3, and Billy Shelton, 3.

Gene Hairston beat Norman Rubio, 6, but Rubio came back to nod Fairest Norman, 10. Norman kayoed Jesse Harrison, 2. Tony Falco nodded Buddy Holderfield, 10. Sammy Mastrean decisioned Candy McDaniels, 10.

Joe Kezele stopped Milton Ashford, 3. Pat Donahue nodded Frankie Abrams, 10. Otis Graham bested Leo Sawicki, 8.

Fritzy Pruden nodded Al LaBarba, 8. Al Mobley won from Jimmy Green, 8. Harold Jones whipped Richie Orange, 10. Jimmy Tarangelo whipped Danny Butler, 6.

Billy Napper outpointed Charley Pappas, 6. Booker Ellis nodded Buzz Lanning, 6. Dom Sinibaldi whipped Jimmy Dinardo, 10. Al Couture chilled Buster Beaupre, 1.

Jackie Armitage chilled Willard Coffey, 2, and Jimmy Sanders, 8. Al Hirsch trimmed Roger Whynott, 10. Mike Saad stopped Pat Monahan, 6. Freddie Menna chilled Ceferino Bronco, 4.

Lester Felton nodded Junius Woods, 4. Bob Wilson was a victor over Paul Hawks, 4. Al Dixon won on a disqualification over Leonard Ceasar, 5.

Tony Falco decisioned Johnny Woods, 10. Al Bernard stopped Bobby Claus, 2. Johnny Poteni stopped Vince Callahan, 4. Billy Malone defeated Willie Guy, 4.

Al Mobley stopped Bobby Mann, 3. Jimmy Herring trimmed Lenny Holton, 6, and chilled Aaron Williams. Nick Mistovich defeated Phil Burton, 10. Paddy Young stopped Walter Stevens, 7.

Angelo Morganti whipped Enrique Lopez, 6, and then repeated the win. Jimmy Leslie stopped Ralph Giganti, 4. Hankin Barrow decisioned Charley Early, 10. Gene Smith outscored Johnny Kilday, 8.

Leon Thompson bested Jackie Keough, 8. Cliff Hart drew with Mickey Savage, 10. Phil Sampson stopped Bill Tierney, 3. Chaforo Martinez outscored Chico Pacheco, 10. Charley Salas whipped Memo Llanes, 10.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

Heavyweight—Dale Hall, Los Angeles
Light-heavyweight — Dom Bernardo, Windsor, Ont., Canada
Middleweight — Sal DeMartino, Hartford, Conn.
Welterweight — Walter Evans, Toledo, Ohio
Lightweight — Steve Marcello, Providence, R. I.
Featherweight—Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.
Bantamweight—Billy Watson, Australia
Flyweight—Lou Yonkers, Roanoke, Va.

George LaRover defeated Jimmy Briscoe, 8, but lost to Terry Moore, 10. Johnny Bernardo chilled Sonny Bently, 4. Emmy Tucci chilled Johnny Fulton, 1. Tiger Flowers halted Bob Pooler, 2.

Frankie Abrams drew with Phil Burton, 8. Laurie Buxton chilled Jimmy Collins, 1. John Darby halted Tom Thomas, 5. Don Williams stopped Al LaBarba, 5.

Junius Woods whipped Ernie Butler, 6. Bill Gillespie stopped Neil Koerkle, 1. Billy Paul halted Blaine Macomber, 3. Johnny Luz defeated Billy Smith, 6.

Bill Feeney stopped Ossie Cooper, 4. Tony Cimminio beat Paul Hawks, 4. Nick Mistovich outscored Willie Odom, 8. Frankie Dell outboxed Johnny McKenzie, 6.

Lenny Durham nodded Gene Salisbury, 6. Ralph Gigante defeated Jimmy Dello, 4. Tom Parks stiffened Mike Jones, 1. Lou Russo drew with Dan Butler, 6. Jerry Coursol defeated Walter Stevens, 10. Clyde Coyhis stopped Art Aragon, 7.

Irvin Steen bested Charley Salas, 10. Don Williams stopped Jackie Lovatt, 7.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ike Williams outpointed Rudy Cruz in a ten-round non-title go. Buddy Garcia edged Chester Rico, 10, and halted Joey Carkido, 10.

Jesse Flores nodded Nate Huskey, 10, and Don Lemos, 10. Jesse Flores drew with Johnny Williams, 10.

Del Flanagan stopped Del Cockayne, 7. Maxie Docusen outpointed Johnny Miller, 10, and stopped Buddy Jacklich, 7.

Scottish Champion Harry Hughes knocked out by Kid Germain, 2. Tommy (Terry) McGovern outpointed Billy Barton, 8, and stopped Johnny Fitzpatrick, 6, but was beaten by Ben Duffy, 10. Duffy also stopped Reg Quinlan, 5.

Nick Stato defeated Tic Mollozzi, 10, but lost to Ted Davis, 10. Tony Ducharme drew with Frankie Kit Carson, 8. Leroy Willis nodded Bill Eddy, 10.

Tony Mar knocked out Eddie Bertolino, 3. Mario Trigo defeated Bobby Jackson, 10, and Lauro Salas, 10. Louis Williams knocked out Keith Nuttall, 3. Jim Carter defeated Willie Russell, 10, and Willie also lost to Bobby McQuillar, 10, and Freddie Dawson in 10. Bobby Rosado kayoed Jimmy Warren, 2.

Solly Cantor drew with Willie Beltram, 8, and Willie drew with John LaRusso, 8. Joey Fagan kayoed Ray Klingmeyer, 6. Jackie Weber defeated Herbie Freeman, 10. Maxie Shapiro won over Maxie Starr, 8.

Vic Patrick stopped Roy Treasure, 12. Juste Fontaine whipped Rudy Zadell, 10, and Sammy Mastrean, 10. Joey Krikis beat Art Garcia, 6.

Joe Kay outboxed Davey Seabrook, 6. Pat Murphy chilled Jess Ripple, 1. Gordon House drew with Johnny Suarez, 10.

Joe Discepoli stiffened Paulie Davis, 2. Johnny Suarez chilled Baby Alvarez, 1. Eduardo Carrasco shaded Bobby Timpson, 8. Jimmy Woods nodded Oliver Cobbins, 10.

Bobby Waters halted Joey Fagan, 6. Joey Belfoire outpointed Ross Anzalone, 8. Greg Gomez whipped Bobby Williams, 6, but was kayoed by Lenny LaBrutta, 5.

Danny Webb defeated Johnny Forte, 8. Bobby Blue stopped Johnny White, 2, but lost to Oscar Lewis, 6. Tony Ducharme outscored Frankie Carson, 8. Jimmy Tarangelo lost to Gene Salisbury, 6.

Dennis Pat Brady chilled Willie Roberti, 3. Arthur King nodded Richie Shinn, 10. Jimmy Green nodded Duke Pressley, 6. Richie Callura edged Jackie Eisenberger, 6. Jackie Watkins stiffened Joe Sharpe, 1. Timothy Hayes stopped Mal Evans, 7, and Tommy Greb, 6. Virgil Atkins defeated Charley Baxter, 6. Louis Moeckel outpointed Charles Weaver, 4.

Tony LaBua halted Mario Marino, 3, and Roy Andrews, 1. Eduardo Carrasco drew with Georgie Wright, 8. Barry Wood stopped Leo Mucucci, 7. Freddie Russo decisioned Jackie Weber, 10. Solly Levitt defeated Frankie Dell, 6.

George Daly outpointed Mick Gibbons, 8, and stopped Reg Quinlan, 5. Harry Legge won over Harry Ruff, 8. Jack Hassen knocked out George Kapeene, 5. Archie Kemp flattened Leo Berry, 5.

Claude Dennington edged out Saidok Bahri, 10. Peter Fallon awarded verdict over Bert Hornby, 12. George Daly outpointed Reg Quinlan, 8, and Mick Gibbons, 8. Jackie Coleman knocked out Tommy Smith, 4..

Talmadge Bussey defeated Willie Cheatum, 10, and Wray Carter, 10. Sonny Boy West beat Jimmy McAllister, 10. Johnny Marino whipped Paul O'Hara, 6. Bobby English whipped Felix Rotondo, 6. Steve Marcello flattened Joe Palaza, 1. Andre Famechon stopped Tommy Barnam, 7.

Fred Monforte decisioned Joe Micilli, 6. Frankie Conti whipped Leo Methot, 8. Vic Young won over Johnny Boufford, 8.

Timothy Hayes nodded Tony Ducharme, 10. Pete Ferrente chilled Charley Donovan, 2. Oscar Lewis nodded Joe Cascella, 4. Tommy Wells chilled Buddy Lessard, 2. Herbie Freeman won over Paulie Jackson, 10. Tommy Campbell kayoed John Davis, 8. Tony La Bua stopped Eduardo Carraso, 5.

Richie Orange defeated Ray Lewis, 10. Roy Andrews halted Frankie Duane, 1.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Willie Pep outclassed Leroy Willis in a ten-round non-title go. Carlos Chavez defeated Harold Dade, 10.

Sandy Saddler kayoed Luis Monagas, 3, Jose Diaz in 8 and Young Tanner in 5.

Australian champion, Eddie Miller, stopped Frank Flannery, 10. Eddie Compo won over Phil Terranova, 8. Luther Burgess was a winner over Jock Leslie, 10. John Molloy beat Al Phillips, 12. Mel Hammond drew with Joe Barone, 8.

Jackie Graves outpointed Harry Lassain, 10. Spider Armstrong chilled Tom Collins, 5, and Steve Kronis, 3.

Tommy Burns outpointed Cliff Anderson, 10. Percy Bassett whipped Ray Jones, 8. Pat Iacobucci whipped Howard Jackson, 8, but lost to Mel Hammond, 8.

Tommy Bailey drew with Bert Jordan, 8. Glen Flanagan halted Ramon Ruiz, 7. Marcel LaChapelle stopped Vic Young, 9.

Joe Crisafi halted Doc Wallace, 12. Ken Wenman stopped Eric Macready, 5. Billy Williams drew with John Demsky, 8.

Little Paras outpointed Marlin Edwards, 10. Floyd Shiflett drew with Jimmy Callura, 10. Bobby Richards drew with Paulie Cook, 10. Jimmy Hegeman defeated Joey Scarloto, 6.

Archie Devino drew with Gurney VanHook, 8, and beat Red Allen, 8. Charlie Titone whipped Eddie Dumazel, 6. Buddy Hayes and Gene Richard drew in 10.

Bobby Bell was too strong for Gus Cosby, 6. Reuben Davis stopped Jimmy Sulla, 7. Jim Rooney beat Jimmy Callura, 8. Al Smith took the measure of Carl Minnis, 6.

Dom Saia outpointed Jose Garcia, 6, and stopped Jackie Harris, 4. Jimmy Green decisioned Al Kenny, 6. Paul Roach decisioned Johnny O'Keefe, 4.

Billy Watson decisioned Joe Crisafi, 12. Corky Gonzales whipped Joe Amaya, 10. Gene Richard nodded the Blond Tiger, 10. Hector Rodriguez shaded Jerry Iglesia, 4.

Sal Ferello shaded Art Vernon, 6, but was flattened by Jimmy Hegeman, 2. Leo LeBrun beat Eddie Dumazel, 6. Joey Scarlota drew with Danny Martin, 6. Joe Rigano nodded Gene Ganley, 4.

Billy Liggett beat Johnny Morioka, 6, and Morioka also dropped a six-rounder to Joe Kay. Andy Bishop chilled Johnny Donato, 4, and bested Lloyd Hudson, 10. Ray Edwards was a victor over Harry Diduck, 6, and Ernie Parker, 6. Johnny Wolgast won over Harry Diduck, 6. Kid Tanner won over Jackie Hughes, 8. Manny Ortega beat Luis Castillo, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Manuel Ortiz stopped Joey Dolan in the sixth heat of a non-title go.

Jackie Paterson stopped Fernando Rossa in 8.

Peter Kane halted Eddie Bunty Doran, 8.

Theo Medina regained the French title by outpointing Georges (Mickey) Mousse, 15.

Charley Kerr won the Scottish crown by defeating Teddy O'Neil, 15.

Fernando Gagnon kayoed Jose Garcia, 3. Stan Rowan halted Luis Fernandez, 3.

Danny O'Sullivan outpointed Jimmy Webster, 12, and Jean Jouas, 8. Eddie Carson stopped Bobby McGhee, 1. McGhee also retired after five rounds with Pat Cahill.

Bobby Boland outpointed Owen Johnson, 8, and stopped Johnson in a return match, 5. George Kennedy knocked out Mickey Carr, 5, and Mickey Hill, 6.

Little Paras defeated Australian champion, Mickey Francis, 12, but was beaten by Elley Bennett, 12. Tommy Cummings decisioned Les Peabody, 8. Billy Watson outfought Russ Woods, 12.

Sid Grimes defeated Eddie Barton, 8. Bobby White grabbed the nod over Len Marshall, 6. Willie Myles whipped Art Dykes, 6. Eddie McCormick fought a draw with Curley Owens, 6. Elis Ask nodded Ronnie Draper, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dado Marino whipped Sonny Gomez, 10, kayoed Tommy Rhett, 1, and chilled Kenny Lindsay, 1. Charlie Squire defeated Dickie O'Sullivan, 8.

Welsh champion, Billy Davies, outfought Les Johnson 10.

Jackie Foster outpointed Al Johnson, 8. Al Chavez drew with Norman Tennant, 10. Tennant decisioned Tommy Farricker, 8. Farricker outboxed Dennis Sale, 8, but lost on disqualification to Eddie Douglas, 11.

Ike Weir edged out Eddie Fitzsimmons, 6, and Fitzsimmons drew with Mickey Hoban, 6. Jimmy Hogg outpointed Al Petersen, 12. Al Hutt drew with Dennis Sale, 8.

Taffy Hancock whipped Australian champion, Mickey Hill, 12 (non-title). Mickey McLaughlin stopped Paddy Hardy, 4.

Laughs, Drama, Color

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of the crowd when he met Jack Dempsey.

It took two such personalities as Dempsey and Carpentier to draw the first million dollar gate, the amount they attracted being $1,800,000 on July 2, 1921. This, despite the fact that the Frenchman, a heavy middleweight and over the hill, was given little chance of dethroning so formidable a fighter as the then terrible Manassa Mauler. The crowd of 90,000 that jammed Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City, had been drawn there by the most colorful heavyweight championship match ever held which is just what the Dempsey-Carpentier match was.

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FOR let down and general disappointment, the "honors" have to be handed to the first Schmeling-Sharkey affair which took place in the Yankee Stadium on June 12, 1930. As Tunney had retired, Sharkey and Schmeling had definitely established themselves as the outstanding nominees for the vacant throne, hence plenty was at stake.

Before a crowd of 79,000 persons who had dug down for a $750,000 gate, the fight started off like a thriller, with Sharkey setting a fast pace and getting off in front. Schmeling seemed to be coming on in the fourth heat when Sharkey let a body punch go, that sent Schmeling flopping to the canvas and moaning foul.

No one knew what to do but Joe Jacobs. He was in the ring instantly and screamed the Black Uhlan into the heavyweight title. It has been alleged that yowling Joey got an assist from the distinguished Hearst newspaper editor, Arthur Brisbane, who popping up out of his working press seat is reported to have barked to non-plussed Referee Crowley:

"Declare that man winner on a foul, or I'll have boxing thrown out of New York!"

Be that as it may, Schmeling wound up the heavyweight champion, his title won squatting on the canvas, with the public the real loser in the most disappointing heavyweight title match ever held.

The strange twists and turns of the winds of fate are never more obvious than in the realization that the great Joe Louis figured in and was the benefactor in the most controversial decision ever handed down in a title affair. Not a man alive would have dared foretell such an eventuality but that the December decision in favor of Joe was the most hotly disputed in heavyweight title history can't be denied.

The long count quibble over the second Dempsey-Tunney fight in 1927, when Gene's seventh round stay on the mat extended considerably beyond the ten second maximum, will go on forever, it's true, but no one has ever denied that Tunney deserved the decision on points at the end of the ten rounds.

The second Schmeling-Sharkey verdict in favor of the Bostonian in 1932 had many belittlers, but the storm was nothing like that raised over the December Louis-Walcott rumpus.

MEASUREMENTS OF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

Compiled from Official Weighing-in Records

	James J. Corbett	Bob Fitzsimmons	James J. Jeffries	Tommy Burns	Jack Johnson
Height	6 ft. 1 in.	5 ft. 10½ in.	6 ft. 1½ in	5 ft. 7 in.	6 ft. 1¼ in.
Weight	184 lbs.	172 lbs.	225 lbs.	179 lbs.	222 lbs.
Reach	73 in.	71¾ in.	76½ in.	74½ in.	74 in.
Chest, Nor.	38 in.	41 in.	43 in.	40 in.	37½ in.
Chest, Expan.	42 in.	44 in.	48½ in.	43¾ in.	42¾ in.
Waist	33 in.	32 in.	35 in.	33 in.	36 in.
Biceps	14½ in.	12 in.	16 in.	14½ in.	16 in.
Neck	17 in.	15 in.	18¼ in.	16 in.	17½ in.
Wrist	6½ in.	7½ in.	7¾ in.	7¼ in.	10¼ in.
Calf	14½ in.	13½ in.	17 in.	16½ in.	15 in.
Ankle	8¼ in.	8¼ in.	10 in.	8¼ in.	9½ in.
Thigh	21 in.	20 in.	25 in.	22 in.	22½ in.
Fist	12¾ in.	12½ in.	13½ in.	12 in.	14 in.
Forearm	11½ in.	11½ in.	13½ in.	13 in.	14½ in.

	Jess Willard	Jack Dempsey	Gene Tunney	Max Schmeling	Jack Sharkey
Height	6 ft. 6¼ in.	6 ft. 1½ in.	6 ft. 1½ in.	6 ft. 1 in.	6 ft. 1 in.
Weight	252 lbs.	191 lbs.	192 lbs.	188 lbs.	205 lbs.
Reach	83 in.	77 in.	77 in.	76 in.	74½ in.
Chest, Nor.	46 in.	42 in.	42 in.	43 in.	40½ in.
Chest, Expan.	49½ in.	46 in.	45 in.	47 in.	45½ in.
Waist	35½ in.	33 in.	34½ in.	33¼ in.	34½ in.
Biceps	17½ in.	16¼ in.	14½ in.	16 in.	14½ in.
Neck	17½ in.	16½ in.	17 in.	17½ in.	17 in.
Wrist	10 in.	9 in.	9 in.	8 in.	7¾ in.
Calf	17½ in.	15 in.	15½ in.	16 in.	16 in.
Ankle	10½ in.	9 in.	9 in.	10 in.	10¼ in.
Thigh	26 in.	23 in.	22 in.	23½ in.	24¾ in.
Fist	14 in.	11¼ in.	11¼ in.	12 in.	12¾ in.
Forearm	14 in.	14½ in.	13½ in.	12¾ in.	15¾ in.

	Primo Carnera	Max Baer	Jimmy Braddock	*Joe Louis
Height	6 ft. 5¾ in.	6 ft. 2½ in.	6 ft. 3 in.	6 ft. 1½ in.
Weight	267 lbs.	214 lbs.	197 lbs.	211½ lbs.
Reach	85½ in.	81 in.	75 in.	77 in.
Chest, Nor.	48 in.	44 in.	41 in.	42 in.
Chest, Expand.	54 in.	47½ in.	44 in.	45 in.
Waist	38 in.	32½ in.	34½ in.	35 in.
Biceps	18½ in.	14½ in.	13 in.	15 in.
Neck	20 in.	17½ in.	17 in.	18 in.
Wrist	9½ in.	8 in.	8 in.	9 in.
Calf	20 in.	15 in.	16 in.	16½ in.
Ankle	11½ in.	9½ in.	10 in.	11 in.
Thigh	30 in.	21 in.	22¾ in.	23½ in.
Fist	14¾ in.	12 in.	11½ in.	13 in.
Forearm	16 in.	14 in.	12½ in.	13½ in.

*Measurements taken at weighing in for Walcott fight on December 5, 1947.

IN any resume of heavyweight championships, the Johnson-Jeffries fight in 1910 belongs in a category of its own. For one thing, the conditions and brand of thinking that made this so are gone for good, we hope—and it's just as well. Unfortunately, many frantic partisans of both men tread upon dangerous ground by presenting the fight as not only a match between two individuals which is all it really was, but as a medium of racial rivalry and conflict. Few think of boxing bouts in such a light today and the pall of prejudice that clung to Johnson-Jeffries can hardly afflict any fistic encounter between two well paid pugilists today. At least, so far as boxing is concerned, the color line in the sport of fisticuffs is a thing of the past.

Although almost 40 years have gone by since it took place, for world wide interest the battle at Reno is still unsurpassed. The late great T. A. Dorgan, the immortal "Tad," had this to say in his account of the great contest. "Surely there never was a fight that attracted so much attention, Sports writers and sporting men came from all over the world to see it.

"The late W. F. Corbett came all the way from Australia. France sent two or three men and England was well represented at the ringside. . . . It was a great crowd that was present in the dusty sun-baked arena that afternoon at Reno. There you could see the greatest collection of fight fans that ever got together for a fight."

Baer-Carnera for laughs, Dempsey-Firpo for excitement, Braddock-Baer for heart warming human interest, Louis-Schmeling for drama, Dempsey-Carpentier for color—Louis-Walcott for what?

SOUTHERN INDIANA AND KENTUCKY NOTES

By JOE FRENCH

AT the Armory in Louisville, Ky., Jimmy Robinson, local lightweight flash, scored an eight round decision over Luther Burgess of Detroit on a show staged by Promoter Bill McNulty. Two other eight round bouts highlighted the card. In one, Ocie Talbert, Chicago Negro heavyweight, halted Gibbs Pike, Louisville southpaw, in five sessions. In the other contest slated for eight rounds, Bob O'Bannon, hard punching light-heavy from nearby Jeffersonville, Ind., continued winning by stopping George Wilson of Louisville in the fifth. In preliminary contests, Sammy Brown won over Frankie Malone in six, both local lightweights, while Doug Medley, Louisville feather, outscored Don Rocco, local veteran, also in six. The four round opener ended in the first frame when Tippy Fuqua, Louisville middleweight, kayoed Lou Lenhardt, also local.

Bob O'Bannon, undefeated light-heavyweight prospect of Jeffersonville, Ind., appeared at Indianapolis during the month and racked up his sixth straight win by winning an eight round nod over Bill Davis, Indianapolis puncher. This victory places O'Bannon well up front among Indiana light-heavies as a contender for the state title held by Al Johnson.

NOTES FROM THE PUNCH BOARD—Plenty of fistic action should be going on in this section during the coming outdoor season with Bill McNulty offering all action cards in Louisville, Forrest McKinney operating ring shows at Indianapolis, and several new clubs due to run regularly as these notes go to press. . . . Irish Jimmy Sanders, Pittsburgh welter operating out of Louisville under the direction of veteran Charley Jones, is going well out of town appearing in Chicago and Pittsburgh in recent starts. . . Bob Garner, Louisville heavyweight, is back in the gym and may see action again. . . . Garner is working daily as a spar mate for Sid Peaks, terrific hitting Charleston, Ind., heavy contender. . . . Jimmy Robinson, Louisville lightie, after beating Luther Burgess before local fans, hopped up to Michigan City, Ind., and stopped Pat Bradley in the feature. . . . Bob O'Bannon, Negro crowd pleaser weighing 170, who scored victories in Louisville and Indianapolis during the month, is under the management of this writer and interested promoters may book O'Bannon by contacting Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Phone: 2751-R.

Ballyhoo and Forecasters

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really counted for something in the newspaper profession. An article carried additional weight when signed by a responsible scribe. But by-lines by sports celebrities today have lost much of their significance owing to the indiscriminate dumping of loads of literary muck, each labelled as the brain-product of a person whose name appears over the article yet who often doesn't even know what has been written for him.

Although synthetic, such ghosted wares are eagerly received and welcomed by millions who believe that they are reading the output of their boxing favorite.

The happy thought of having a slugger affix his signature to a ballyhoo article originated at the time of the Fitzsimmons-Corbett battle at Carson City on March 17, 1897. Prior to that time fighters were often quoted, but no daily paper ever tried to sell a punch-artist in author guise.

Once started, the idea proved popular, after Corbett's name had appeared hitched to an article in which the then heavyweight champion told in English undefiled, how he was progressing with his training and other camp life details. A daily feature was manufactured out of the champion's statements, which was widely syndicated.

Another syndicate then signed up Fitzsimmons for a similar feature which went over successfully, the fighters each receiving five grand for their supposed literary services. The innovation caught on with the devourers of fight-dope, and thereafter no scrap of consequence, especially a heavyweight championship bout, took place without the principals interviewing themselves under glaring headlines for the benefit of the fans.

In due course of time the ghosting racket hit new trails of bunk gossip, and its product flowered out on diamond, gridiron, tennis and golf links into its present rank luxuriance. Rival syndicates at world series time, now vie with each other in buying the signatures of robust athletes to pep up learned dissertations on the great American pastime, and pursue similar tactics when the football season arrives. The same is true when the king of heavyweights starts training for a title defense.

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AS FOR the lives and fistic careers of champions, written supposedly by hands apparently as much at home drilling out eloquent phrases on the typewriter, as in delivering a hook to the jaw—there is no end, and probably never will be so long as prize fighting flourishes as a highly specialized commercial asset.

Many folks are aware that all this mock literature is phoney. On the other hand, a huge majority of readers have implicit faith in the genuineness of articles bearing the signature of fighters who never see the stuff they are accredited with composing, until it is in print and sometimes don't trouble about perusing it then. This was proved only recently when Ray Robinson, welter champion, denied under oath that he even knew what was written under his by-line in a New York daily.

To many of our esteemed athletes, reading, demanding as it does a certain amount of mental concentration, is a painful task, rather than a relaxation.

A ghosting experiment which involved the use of a name inseparable from the fine art of glove-walloping, was tried in 1904 by the late James Keeley, when the latter was editor of the Chicago *Tribune*. Keeley hired the then Marquis of Queensberry to sponsor a weekly Sunday article dealing with current fistic events. The Briton, being none too strong financially, was only too willing to sign a two-year contract for a tempting salary.

The Marquis made no pretensions to literary ability, and insisted upon the column being written by his secretary, a Londoner who had accompanied him to the Windy City. All might have gone well had the work been done by an American fitted for the job.

But the English ghost had a style peculiarly British and was altogether lacking in the "punch" expected by U.S. fight fans. Consequently, the new feature turned out an awful flop, and Keeley found himself tied up with what is vulgarly termed a "dead one."

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MONTHS passed, and the Queensberry output of stodgy reminiscence, cross-eyed, futile prophecies, and inane criticism continued, each successive week adding to the editor's vain regrets. There were no loopholes in the contract whereby the writer could be dispensed with. The only chance of disconnecting him from the payroll lay in his voluntary resignation. And that did not assume even the semblance of remote probability.

Christmas approached and the Marquis determined to spend the Yuletide on British soil. He had no trouble in obtaining leave. If Keeley could have had his way the holiday visit would have been made permanent. So off went the nobleman to his native land.

On the morning of his return to duty he stepped out of the elevator just in time to encounter Editor Keeley emerging from his private sanctum. Uttering a cheery "What ho," the smiling Marquis advanced with outstretched hand.

But the palm of greeting was not grasped and wrung in a responsive grip of cordiality. Instead the editor glowered fiendishly upon the astonished Marquis, and exclaimed in tones dripping with venom:

"Good heavens! Back again! Are we never to be rid of you?"

The Marquis stood in a stupefied daze for a moment. Then his ancient Douglas blood boiled in hot resentment at the insult and moved him to rapid action. Within twenty minutes the resignation of the Marquis of Queensberry was handed to Keeley and accepted in record-breaking time by the delighted editor.

From the standpoint of dignity the Marquis' renouncing gesture was royally magnificent. From the commercial angle it came under the heading of what American sports would designate—"a sucker play!" An American provider of ghost literature would have digested the editorial insult as being all in the day's work, and demanded the legal fulfillment of his contract or its equivalent in dollars and cents. But the Queensberry mind had never fathomed the depths of journalistic guile, as practiced in the good old U.S.

Heavyweight Fights

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lard on the sun-baked shores of Maumee Bay. . . . Boxing's first million-dollar spectacle, featuring Dempsey and Georges Carpentier. . . . One of the most thrilling of all heavyweight title battles—the brief but sensational brawl between Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo. . . . Firpo ruining the comeback campaign of Willard. . . . Dempsey's stunning defeat by Gene Tunney and their memorable return match, the "Battle of the Long Count."

Paulino Uzcudun exploding the myth of Harry Wills by knocking out the Brown Panther. . . . Max Schmeling winning the title while groveling on the canvas, yelling "foul!" in his first meeting with Jack Sharkey. . . . The weird affair between Max Baer and Primo Carnera. . . . Ernie Schaaf's tragic passing following his knockout by Carnera. . . . Baer's surprising defeat by the "Cinderella Man," Jim Braddock. . . . Joe Louis' two historic clashes with Schmeling. . . . Louis' close call from disaster in his first bout with "little" Billy Conn.

Will Louis and Walcott produce another notable chapter to take its place with those other never-to-be-forgotten classics of heavyweight lore?

"FROM DOWN UNDER"

By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Son of a fighting father, young Sydney featherweight, Billy Watson, 125¼, has shown signs of mounting the fistic ladder, his latest success being a points win over Joe Crisafi, 125¼, over 12 rounds in Sydney. Billy's father, Tibby Watson, was a top-liner in boxing thirty years ago in this country. He is always in his son's corner during his fights.

Queensland aboriginal featherweight, Elley Bennett, 119½, outpointed Filipino Little Paras, 119¾, in 12 rounds in Melbourne. Bennett put Paras down for counts of eight, seven and nine in the 11th round, but Paras lasted the full route.

Other 12 round bouts resulted: Leichhardt (Sydney): Ted Sprouster, 127¼, outpointed Jackie Wilson, 131. Brisbane: Jack Hassan, 138½, knocked out Leo Berry, 134½, in two rounds. Newcastle: George Sands, 145, outpointed Sel Hamilton, 147.

AUSTRALIA—Tommy Ward, 148, made a niche for himself among our best welterweights when he outpointed Jackie Daniels, 148½, in twelve rounds at Sydney.

Daniels, always an awkward customer in close, tried to tie Ward up with clever infighting, only to meet a man who could give as good as he got. Ward got the decision for making the fight and for cleaner work, though there was not much to choose between them.

A southpaw newcomer in Melbourne, Cliff Jones, 129¼, stopped Ken Wenman, 128¼, in eight rounds in Melbourne. Wenman had to be taken to a hospital after the bout.

Queenslanders are wildly enthusiastic about their bantamweight champion, George Kennedy, 117½, who knocked out Mickey Hill, 118, in six rounds. Kennedy put Hill down three times with right crosses and twice with left hooks.

Other 12 round bouts here: Melbourne: Ken Murphy, 145¼, outpointed Joe Webster, 143. Newcastle: Clem Sands, 145, knocked out Tommy Jones, 145, in the fifth. Sydney: Nipper O'Brien, 126, stopped Toby McGarry, 125, in the 10th.

Australia—Southpaw Tommy Watts, 140, growing from a lightweight into a welterweight, outpointed Sel Hamilton, 146½, in 12 rounds at Melbourne.

Jack Twist, 169, knocked out Ross Pippett, 166½, in six rounds at Melbourne; the knockout punch being a right to the solar plexus.

Other 12-round bouts: Sydney—Nipper O'Brien, 126, outpointed Billy Watson, 123½; Johnny Davis, 123¾, outpointed Joe Crisafi, 124¼. Leichhardt—Johnny Blane, 135, outpointed Frank Donnelly, 136½. Brisbane—Kev Delaney, 146½, knocked out Jack Bridges, 140. Newcastle—Alfie Sands, 145, knocked out Jackie Wilson, 135, in four rounds.

Irish Hopes Rise

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fighting with both. Cudgel playing at one time was the national pastime of Ireland. In describing this sport, a Son of Erin wrote the following poem:

In days when the cudgel held sway,
It was quite an elegant sight
To see men cut and slash away
With all their power and might.
To draw the first blood was the point
Whenever they could bring to bear
The cudgel so as to disjoint
The ear, from its neighbor, the hair.
To see a man's nose split in two,
With a gash or two over each eye,
Proved each had the courage true-blue;
Would fight, but would never say die.
No boxing gloves, pad or the like
To protect them from danger or blows;
If they couldn't parry the strike—
Kerslash! it would land on the nose.
Such scenes were far better to see
Than pistols or foils or sword-blades,
As all must with us agree
Unless they may be in the trade.

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THE first and foremost of Ireland's fistic heroes is Dan Donnelly who is immortalized by the bards in song and story.

A century or so ago, the art of pugilism found admirers and supporters among a class of persons far different from the fight fans of today. Whereas an international battle in this era brings forth a horde of men and women enthusiasts who come to the scene of action more for social purposes than to cheer for a favorite, in the long ago the masses were keen, partisan rooters. The lassies and buckos flocked to the battle ground to see that "justice" was done their man. A contest between an Irishman and a "furriner" as the English fighters were dubbed, invariably brought out every person within a distance of 100 miles of the field, so intense was the excitement.

In the good old days of Robin Hood, in 1190, the combats with the quarter-staff were the principal amusement for Little John or Friar Tuck and all the bold-hearted merry men. Cudgel combats formed another pastime and the national sport was shillelagh fighting. But when fist fighting became the great pastime of England, the Irish were quick to substitute that style for their own and soon became so proficient in the art of self-defense, that they surpassed the people from whom they copied. Between the period of 1740 and 1800 many fine Celtic fighters were developed, one of whom, Peter Corcoran takes a prominent place in the history of pugilism as the first Hibernian champion of England.

The great poets Moore and Byron sang of the prowess of the Knights of the Fives and the Royal Georges gave pugilism their unqualified approval. This was particularly true of George the Fourth, who as well as his brothers, could use gloves or bare hands with almost the same skill as the champion, Jem Ward, who received a handsome belt from George the Fourth when Prince Regent. Incidentally, history records that this was the first boxing belt ever awarded to a fighter.

The noted Marquis of Waterford, Lord Drumlanrig, General Barton and Captain Kelly, were other keen supporters of pugilism. Not only were they leaders on the turf, in bull-baiting and cock-fighting, but they also frequently backed fights, acted as seconds, bottle holders and umpires. To them Erin owes much for the advance of the art of fisticuffs.

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IT is interesting to note that in the early days of fist fights in the Green Isle, the men fought in low shoes, buckled, but without spikes, but in other respects, the fighting togs were not much different from those of today. When the contests in the booths gave way to those on the turf, the laced-up spiked ankle-boot came into use.

The facial hirsuit ornamentation of the early Irish fighters were what was known as the "Galways" or "County Antrims," the rest of the face being shaved. To see a son of Erin with a moustache in the early days of Ireland's entry into the field of Fistiana, would have been as great a curiosity as to see one without his blackthorn or dudheen.

The Irish considered the upper lip ornament a sign of foppery and it was not until the visit of John C. Heenan, the great American champion who came to England to fight Tom Sayers for the world's title, that the Irish fighters adopted the style he introduced—the wearing of the moustache. Heenan, who prided himself on his Celtic lineage, also introduced the wearing of the low short collars and kid gloves among both the Irish and the English members of the Fancy.

Although the custom of exhibiting hair on the upper lip flourished for many years among the leading pugilists after Heenan had paved the way, the last of the great Emerald Isle gladiators to display this ornament, was Peter Maher. With his passing from the field also passed the moustache.

Of all the gossoons who came here and participated in American ring battles, the one who gained most fame was Peter Maher. He was a good fighter, a tremendous hitter and a courageous fellow. When he went to Langtry to fight Bob Fitzsimmons, he was asked if he would shave the moustache off.

"Certainly not," replied Peter, "I'll give Fitz a chance to do that." And freckled Bob came pretty near to doing the trick when he knocked Maher out in one round.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

CHICO ROSA, territorial featherweight champion, established himself as one of the outstanding contenders to Willie Pep's crown by completely outclassing Manny Ortega, highly ranked Texan featherweight, in a ten round main event held at the Honolulu Stadium on March 30th.

Rosa, 121¼, who can still make the bantamweight limit, displayed lightning speed and enough ring savvy to completely dominate Ortega, 124, from the opening gong and dictated the proceedings of the fight all the way to win hands down. The decision was unanimously in Chico's favor. A crowd estimated at 6,390 paid $16,308 to witness the fight which was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Despite the one-sidedness of the battle, Manny Ortega made a satisfying fight out of it because he kept trying all the time and managed to land at least a half dozen of his famous overhand rights. However against the elusive Rosa, the blows were slightly too high, and with the local pride rolling with each punch, they did little damage.

The closest Rosa came to knocking out Ortega was the eighth when he caught the Texan with a right as the latter was coming in. Ortega dropped to the canvas, took an eight count, but recovered sufficiently to come back fighting and stayed out of danger for the remainder of the fight.

Another knockdown of an eight count in the fifth round was scored in Chico's favor.

Other results: Johnny Ledesma, 139¼, knocked out Kid Vincente, 138½, in the second of a scheduled six.

Ike Patton, 161, won via a TKO over Johnny Boskie, 160, in the 6th and final round.

Phillip Kim, 142, TKO'ed Battling Lino, 138¼, in the second.

The 4-round opener saw Arthur Frank, 131¼, knock out Willie Gonsalves, 130½, in the third.

Robert Takeshita, 139¾, added another victory to his long string of triumphs by being awarded a TKO win over Darnell Carter, 136¼, at the Civic Auditorium the night of April 6th. The fight was awarded to the "Golden Boy," as Robert is familiarly known around these parts, in the 7th round when Darnell Carter, who was losing the battle by a wide margin, refused to answer the bell for this round complaining of a badly swollen left eye.

As attested by the commission physician who examined Carter at the time, Carter could have continued fighting if he so wanted. For his refusal to fight Carter was later fined $250.00 and suspended for an indefinite period.

A crowd of 2317 fans paid $4172.25 and went home disappointed. The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Other results: Marino Tiwanak, 116, knocked out Willie Brown, 113¾, in the fourth of the six round semi-final.

Mike Ines, 127½, held Tommy Umeda, 125½, to a five round draw.

Freddy Gonzalves, 129¾, TKO'ed Mamoru Hirota, 126½, in the second. 4 rounds.

Tommy Yamaoka, 117¼, decisioned Manini Cuarisma, 115¼, in the four round opener.

Henry Davis, 127½, up and coming featherweight flash, displaying plenty of zip in his punches, knocked out aging Aurel Toma, 124½, with a right to the mid-section in 2:22 of the sixth of a scheduled eight round main event held at the Civic Auditorium.

The end came as no surprise to the 2339 fans who paid $4,147.00 to witness the Leo Leavitt show. It was freely predicted before the fight that Davis would win handily and possibly by a knockout if he could connect with the ever-moving jaw of the Rumanian battler.

As things turned out Aurel Toma gave a good account of himself for the first three rounds but slowed down considerably after that.

Other results: Phillip Kim, 141½, copped a close one over Llewellyn Strohlin, 140, 6.

Marino Tiwanak, 115¾, held Marce Totor, 117¼, to a draw.

Walter Chung, 116½, won over Tommy Yamaoka, 117½, in four rounds.

Arthur Frank, 134, TKO'ed Dennis Telles, 132¾, in the four round curtain raiser.

In one of the toughest fights of his 27 bout professional career, Robert Takeshita rose to the occasion by winning his 26th victory, a TKO, over tough Chung Bok Soo, lightweight champion of Korea. The bout, scheduled for eight rounds, was stopped in the seventh by the Territorial Boxing Commission's physician, when Chung Bok Soo, suffering a cut inside of his left eye, was found unable to continue.

The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt and drew 4,326 customers for a gross gate of $10,684.25.

The fight was a sensational one all the way. Soo rushed out from his corner like a mad bull and started slugging it out at close quarters with Takeshita. For six rounds Soo fought at this fast pace, taking a terrific beating but without yielding an inch of ground. Though the aggressor all the way, Soo, nevertheless, fought a losing battle as he took three or four punches before landing one of his own. Only once during the fight was he able to land more than one good blow in succession. In the third he managed to land two good left hooks which shook Takeshita. But Takeshita recovered fast and was fighting back furiously a few seconds later.

Takeshita tipped the scales at 139¼ pounds and Bok Soo at 138.

Other results: Ray Chang, 129¼, won over Fred Sylvano, 129⅛, in the five-round semi-final.

George Tanabe, 148¼, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Mara, 150½, in the first.

Richard Cabral, 135¾, decisioned Arthur Frank, 133¾. Mike Ines, 128, beat Tommy Umeda, 121¼, 4.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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bet on Gans and lost plenty of jack, a fact which did not tend to lessen their indignation over what they very aptly termed—"a public swindle."

Thus the lid was clamped down on the leather-pushing pastime so far as Chicago was concerned, nor was it lifted for many moons.

Yet neither Gans nor McGovern were punished in any way for their participation in this most palpable fake, and their services continued to be in demand in other sections of the country. As a matter of fact, there was no authority that could reach them to administer a corrective dose. Things are different, and it must be admitted, better today!

Certainly we have racketeers in boxing. We have them in professional and college football, basketball, hockey and baseball. Yet you don't find the public press and magazines clamoring for the elimination of any sport but boxing. You hear of deaths and injuries in hockey, basketball, football and baseball. But while in boxing such mishaps receive columns of publicity, the other sports' injuries and fatalities are let off with a few lines!

I'm for boxing. I'd like to see it conducted in every high school and college as a part of the physical education program. It has proved its worth in the wars in which our boys have engaged. It will prove its worth again within the ranks of those drafted into the various branches of our armed forces.

Let's give the sport Fair Play.

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THE campaign waged so long and so determinedly by THE RING for more intelligent supervision of boxing by the various commissions throughout the nation, and for the enactment of measures to minimize the danger of fatal injuries in the ring, finally seems to be producing results.

Within the last two months, there has been a concerted move by boxing boards to apply new safety measures to the sport. One of the most important calls for stricter physical examinations of boxers before they are permitted to fight. All too often, boys suffering from heart trouble and other organic ailments have been permitted to enter the ring because of lax medical check-ups.

Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Colorado and California have ruled that all professional boxers must wear eight-ounce gloves from now on, and California also has decreed that amateurs must carry padding up to 12 ounces in the heavier classes.

Many of the states—among them Washington, Wisconsin and California, as well as the District of Columbia—have adopted the National Boxing Association's suggestion that when a boxer is knocked down, he will automatically have to take a count of eight before being allowed to continue.

Several boards have decided that a fighter who has been knocked out will have to take a 30-day "vacation" and undergo a strict examination before entering the ring again. Still others have ruled that if a fighter is knocked out four times in a row, he will automatically be forced into idleness for a period of four months.

Consistent losers, particularly boys who make a habit of getting knocked out, will find their licenses suspended or revoked by many of the commissions.

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NEW York has passed a bill requiring fingerprinting of applicants for professional boxing and wrestling licenses. New York also has approved the creation of a nine-member medical advisory board to work with the State Athletic Commission in tightening up on physical examinations.

A complete and detailed registration of all licensees and closer supervision of the sport has been ordered in Illinois. In Colorado cards have been issued to the boxers requiring them to fill out the complete report of their last six fights. This must be present at the time a match is being made as a guide to promoter and commission.

Two states, Pennsylvania and Colorado, are seriously considering the idea of providing insurance for boxers, to cover hospitalization and medical care in case of injuries, and cash payments in event of death.

The National Boxing Association has urged its member states to fix stiff penalties on promoters and managers who ignore their "obligations" in seeing that all possible safety measures are properly taken.

Col. Eddie Eagan, head of the New York State Commission, is looking into the matter of having all boxers on any one card insured for the night against injury or death. In the event of injury, hospitalization would be provided for the victim in addition to which he would receive special compensation. Col. Eagan also has quietly gone about the task of revoking licenses of fighters who have exceptionally poor records and of suspending fighters who use more than one name in an effort to confuse commissions in checking records. In such cases, the managers' licenses also have been temporarily suspended.

At last it seems that the various boxing commissions are acting along lines that should offer proper protection to those engaged in pugilism. THE RING's long battle for action has at least started the ball rolling in the right direction.

Now for a tour of Europe! I'll tell you about that in our next issue.

RING QUESTION BOX

Oscar Cardino, Babylon, N. Y.

Q.—What fighter is credited with having fought the most fights?

A.—Abe the Newsboy.

Harry Bridges, Melbourne, Australia

Q.—Is it possible for a draw decision to be given in a championship bout?

A.—Yes. There is nothing in the rules to prevent it.

Harry Finklestein, Brooklyn, New York

Q.—A couple of us were discussing some of the champions of the past and a debate raged as to the real names of Al McCoy, Pancho Villa, Jack Sharkey and Freddy Welsh. Can you give us this information?

A.—Al McCoy was christened Albert Rudolph, Pancho Villa—Francisco Guilledo, Jack Sharkey—Josef Paul Zukauskas, or Cuckashay, and Freddy Welsh—Fred Hall Thomas.

Rhoem Bruton, Johannesburg, South Africa

Q.—Who do you think would win in a bout between Stanley Ketchel and Rocky Graziano? Where can I get pictures of Graziano and Ketchel?

A.—In answer to the first query, Stanley Ketchel. A matter of opinion. As to the picture of Rocky you can get same from THE RING Book Shop which has pictures for sale of old-time and modern fighters.

John Capiona, Binghamton, New York

Q.—Was Johnny Dundee, former featherweight champ, an Italian? Also, was Dundee only his fighting name?

A.—Yes. His family name was Guiseppi (Joseph) Carraro.

Bill Lessard, Dallas, Texas

Q.—I am fifteen years old with a sturdy body and no ailments. I have had a few amateur fights in school and seem to have a natural ability in boxing. What I want to know is if you think I am too young to start boxing?

A.—It is best not to get started as an amateur before you are 16.

Harry Johnson, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—Who was Squire Abingdon?

A.—A British sportsman and racing man who backed Jem Hall and Charley Mitchell in their fights. He died shortly after Hall was knocked out by Fitzsimmons in New Orleans.

Joe Lynch, San Francisco, Calif.

Q.—Should a referee count over a fighter who is hanging over the ropes?

A.—He should give the fighter a chance to get away from that position but if the fighter is helpless and hanging over the ropes it is the prerogative of the referee to count him out. If you recall, when Max Schmeling was in such a pose in his second fight with Joe Louis, Referee Donovan started to count. After dropping his hand for the count of one, Max got away from the ropes to resume fighting.

Jean Barot, Maise, France

Q.—How can I develop a punch and learn to feint and build up a good defense?

A.—The subject is too lengthy to permit explanation. May I suggest that you get Nat Fleischer's book "Blocking and Hitting," price $1.00. Obtainable from THE RING Book Shop.

Alan Stevens, San Francisco, California

Q.—A friend of mine maintains that Bob Fitzsimmons was the first to use the solar plexus blow while I claim that Daniel Mendoza was the originator of that blow. Who is right?

A.—Mendoza used such a blow prior to Fitzsimmons. Actually the punch was probably used centuries back. It is, after all, but a punch under the ribs in the center of the upper abdomen.

Jack Biddinger, Wayne Pump Co., Kansas City, Missouri

Q.—Isn't it true that Schmeling won the title on a foul from Jack Sharkey in the fourth round and later Sharkey won the title back from Schmeling in a bout that went the limit of 15 rounds. I maintain that your answer in the April issue, "Question Box" is incorrect since you say that no heavyweight has ever regained the crown. Please put me on the right track.

A.—We are correct. When Schmeling won the title on a foul, neither he nor Sharkey were the defending titleholder since neither held the championship. They were the best of a lot of heavyweights who were after Tunney's vacated crown and the New York Commission, backed by the N.B.A. and all other world boxing organizations, declared that the winner of that bout would be accepted as the new world champion. Hence when Schmeling lost his return engagement with Sharkey, Sharkey did not regain the title. He won the crown for the first time.

Erasmus F. Carrasquilla, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

Q.—Please name the three best fighters developed in Puerto Rico.

A.—Sixto Escobar, who held a world title; Pedro Montanez, one of the world's best light and welter fighters; Cocoa Kid, a welter and middleweight, who still is fighting and has often been rated among the world's best ten in his division.

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Louis' 2nd Time "Hex"

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night, in the seventh round. After Louis had delivered the quietus, the bell rang to end the heat.

Ancil Hoffman, Buddy's manager, insisted that the round had ended before the knockdown.

The referee insisted that the blow had been delivered before the gong, and ordered Hoffman out of the ring. Ancil refused to leave, so Buddy was disqualified and the records say, "KO in seven rounds."

This fight raised a lot of debate. Was this Buddy guy really a formidable contender?

A second match was in order, and it was staged in New York on January 9, 1942.

It was hardly worth opening the doors for. The bell rang, Louis punched, and pretty soon they carried out a half alive Buddy boy. Another fighter had discovered that to meet Joe a second time was fatal.

Louis' two engagements with Billy Conn stand right behind his two fights with Schmeling in the provision of evidence of Joe's deadliness in the return match.

In Joe's first meeting with Conn, on June 18, 1941, at the Polo Grounds in New York, the champion got a terrific fight.

Conn was the quicker mover. He proved the slicker boxer. But he was Conn, the over-confident, one of the screwballs of ring history.

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I AM not one of those who subscribe to the theory that if Conn had not got too gay with Louis, he could have taken the title on points if he had stopped fighting after the twelfth round.

Be that as it may, Conn was not content with the strong position he held as he entered the thirteenth. He had the edge in the score cards.

Louis became desperate, Conn became careless and much too defiant. Result—Conn was knocked out.

Billy got the beating of his life. It took him about a year to get over the effects of this shellacking. I do not believe that Conn felt he had any chance to beat Joe in their second encounter, which took place on June 19, 1946, in New York.

Louis and Conn would have met much sooner. But the war intervened. Both went into the Army.

All through the wartime hiatus in championship competition, the second Louis-Conn fight was held out as the juicy morsel, the prize of prizes, which awaited the ring fans once a title match could be scheduled again.

It was hardly a rich morsel when they met in that return scrap. Louis knocked Billy out in the fourth round. It was no fight, just an old fashioned massacre. The motion picture camera in Joe's cerebellum had done another spectacular job.

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THAT brings us to the Louis-Walcott matches. Their first fight, last December, lasted 15 rounds and developed a lot of controversy. Walcott had Joe on the canvas. Thousands who saw the action from the ringside felt that Louis had lost the title.

However, under the rules of the Boxing Commission of the State of New York, Walcott did not beat Louis. The champion had the greater number of rounds. And Jersey Joe was handled badly. When he should have been charging, he retreated and retreated, and permitted Louis to rally and prevent a loss on points.

To refresh ourselves on what happened in the Garden that December night, let us go over the fight by rounds, which follows:—

ROUND ONE

There was a slight delay as the fighters' gloves were adjusted. Walcott landed two left jabs to Louis's head. Walcott was moving away from Louis. Louis landed a terrific right to the head and a left to the head and Walcott came back with a right to the head. Louis landed another right to the head. Louis moved in on Walcott who was backing away. They exchanged lefts. Walcott landed a left and a right to the head. Louis landed a hard right to the head. Walcott landed a right to the head flooring Louis for a count of two. Walcott landed another hard right to the head. Walcott landed another right and left to the head and stung Louis with a hard right. Louis stung Walcott with a right to the head at the bell.

Walcott was backing away from Louis at the bell.

ROUND TWO

Louis missing a steaming right. Walcott clipped Louis with a right to the head. They exchanged left jabs in mid-ring. Walcott landed two left jabs to the head and followed with two more. Walcott landed a left and a right to the head. Walcott landed another jab to the head as he backed away. Louis landed a right to the head and added two left jabs to the face. Walcott landed a hard right to the jaw at close quarters. Walcott kept backing away from Louis and the champion kept backing away.

ROUND THREE

Walcott landed a left to the face and took a left to the head in return. Louis landed a left and right to the head on the retreating Walcott. Louis connected with two left jabs to the face. Louis landed two more left jabs to the face. Louis outjabbed Walcott two to one. Walcott landed a hard right to the head. Walcott took a left in the face as he backed away. Louis landed a right to the body. They exchanged a pair of lefts in midring. Walcott landed a hard right to Louis's face. Walcott added another hard right to the face and took a hard right to the face at the bell.

ROUND FOUR

Louis landed a light left jab to the face. They exchanged lefts to the head. Walcott landed a hard right to the face that dropped Louis for a count of seven. Walcott missed a hard right and they clinched. Walcott missed a left and landed a hard right to the body. Walcott missed another hard right then followed with a jolting right to the head and followed that with another right to the head and took a left to the face in return. Louis landed a left to the head. Walcott landed a steaming right to the jaw. Walcott landed another right to the face. Louis landed a left to Walcott's head as the challenger backed away. Louis landed a left to Walcott's face at the bell.

Walcott was weaving from side to side to avoid the oncoming Louis. Every now and then he would stop and let go with a right to the head.

ROUND FIVE

Louis was bleeding slightly from the nose. The champion was now waiting for Walcott to come to him. Louis landed two left jabs to the head. Walcott landed a left to the face as Louis started moving in again. They exchanged left jabs. Louis landed a left jab to the head. Louis landed a left to the head and Walcott came back with a hard right to the body. Louis landed a hard left hook to the body. Louis sent a long left to the body. Walcott connected with two left jabs. They exchanged left jabs at the bell.

ROUND SIX

Louis is backing up now. Walcott landed a left to the body. Louis landed two left jabs to the head. Louis started moving forward again and missed a hard left and right to the head. Louis jabbed to the head and body. Louis landed a left to the body and caught Walcott's right on the shoulder. Walcott landed a left to the head. Walcott landed a left and right hook to the body. Louis landed a hard left jab to Walcott's head. Walcott missed a couple hard rights to the head. An exchange of lefts and rights in mid-ring followed. Walcott landed a hard right to the head and took a hard right in return. Walcott roughed the champion at close quarters as the round ended.

ROUND SEVEN

Walcott was moving from side to side and Louis was finding it difficult to get a stationary target. They exchanged jabs in midring. Walcott connected with a left to the head and Louis came back with left jab to the head. Louis missed with two left jabs and took a right to the jaw from Walcott. Walcott landed another right hook to the head. Louis scored with a left jab to the chin. Walcott landed a right to the head and took a left and right in return. Louis landed a hard right to Walcott's face. They exchanged lefts. Walcott landed two lefts and a right to the face just before the bell.

ROUND EIGHT

They exchanged lefts. Louis scored with a left and took a right in return. Walcott was poking at Louis's left eye, which was swollen and beginning to close. Louis landed a left to the body. Walcott hit Louis over the eye again and jolted Louis with a hard right to the face. Louis scored with a right and took a right to the body in return. Louis connected with a left jab. Louis scored with a hard right to the body and took a hard right to the body in return. Louis sent over a stiff left jab to Walcott's face. Walcott seemed full of pep at the end of the round and momentarily had halted his backstepping.

ROUND NINE

Louis connected with a stiff left jab to the head. Louis sent another left to the body and took two rights to the head. Walcott let go with another hard right to Louis's swollen side of the face. Louis scored with a left jab and missed a hard right. Louis landed a left and right at the ropes and then walloped Walcott with another right to the head. Walcott jumped back with a hard right to the head. They mixed furiously in midring. Walcott sent over another hard right to the head. Louis got in a hard right to the head. Walcott took a series of lefts and rights from Louis in midring. Louis hit Walcott with a hard right that staggered the challenger. They were hammering away at each other at the bell.

For a moment it looked like Louis had Walcott on the way out but the challenger came off the ropes and exchanged wallops with the champion.

ROUND TEN

Louis connected with a left jab to the head. Walcott continued to back away from the champion. They exchanged left jabs in midring. Louis scored with a left jab and took a hard left jab to the face. Louis landed a left and missed another left to the face. Louis connected with another left jab to the face. Louis sent over a left to the body. Louis stabbed over two more left jabs and missed with a right. Louis sent two more lefts to Walcott's face. Walcott's backaway policy seemed to have Louis confused.

ROUND ELEVEN

Louis sent over a left to the body. Louis drove another left to the body. Louis clipped two left jabs at Walcott's face. Walcott stabbed Louis with a left to the face. Walcott hit Louis with a left and took a left in return. They exchanged lefts again. Walcott hit Louis with another right to the face. Louis landed a hard right to Walcott's jaw. Walcott came back with a hard right to the head. They swapped body blows at close quarters. Louis drove over another left. Walcott connected with a right to the head on the advancing champion. Louis's left eye was closing to a slit.

ROUND TWELVE

Louis hit Walcott with a left to the body. The champion continued to stalk Walcott. Walcott clipped Louis with a left and took a left in the face in return. Walcott was peppering away at Louis's swollen side of the face. Walcott shot over a right to Louis's head. Walcott continued to connect with lefts as he backed away. Louis scored with a hard left and right to the head and Walcott came back with a left to the face. The action had slowed down again. Walcott landed two more lefts, then a right to Louis's head. Walcott took a left to the face and then connected with a left and right to the head. Referee Goldstein warned Walcott for a backhand punch.

ROUND THIRTEEN

Challenger was showing plenty of pep despite his retreating and sidestepping policy. Walcott hit Louis with a right to the head. Louis jabbed Walcott with two lefts to Walcott's face. They exchanged left jabs. Walcott landed two more lefts to the head as he backed away. Walcott nailed Louis with a right and two lefts to the head. Walcott ripped over another right hook and took a stiff left to the face in return. Walcott fell on a slip. There was no count. They exchanged lefts and rights in midring. Walcott nailed Louis with a left and right hook to the head after they had swapped jabs to the head at the bell.

ROUND FOURTEEN

Louis sent over two left jabs to the face and then scored with two more left jabs to the face. Louis sent over two more left jabs to the face and was hit with two right hooks to the head. Louis nailed Walcott with a hard right to the head. Walcott scored with two lefts as he backed away and then crossed with two rights to the head as he backed away. Walcott outjabbed Louis two to one. Each got in a left jab. Louis smashed over a hard right. Walcott continued to drive over left jabs as he tried to back away. They swapped hard and left jabs in midring. Each continued with hard rights to the head. Louis seemed flustered as Walcott took a left to the head and took a left hook to the body as the round ended.

ROUND FIFTEEN

Louis scored with two lefts to the head and took one from Walcott. Louis kept after Walcott. Louis stalked after Walcott who side-stepped and backpedaled away. A left to the nose brought blood from Louis. Walcott sent over another left jab to Louis's nose. Walcott drove over four more left jabs and a short right to Louis's nose. Walcott was dancing away from the Champion, driving over occasional left jabs to Louis's bleeding nose. Louis could not catch up with the fast-moving challenger. Walcott sent over two left jabs to Louis's face as the champion missed a hard right to the face. Walcott connected with a hard right to Louis's face at the bell.

These 15 rounds give us an excellent picture of the Walcott who will meet Louis on June 23. The question is—do they also give us a reliable picture of the Louis who will defend his title against Jersey Joe in Yankee Stadium?

Boxing history says—To meet Joe Louis a second time is fatal. Can Walcott upset this?

What is "Old"?

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match in Madison Square Garden later that year—on September 23, to be precise.

Herman's eyesight was beginning to fail by then, and Pete had difficulty keeping pace with his lighter but nimble opponent. Buff won the decision and the title in fifteen rounds.

As champion, Johnny whipped Jack Sharkey in the Garden, and fought a no-decision bout with Memphis Pal Moore in Milwaukee, but his star had begun to set.

Early in 1922, Buff and his manager, the late Lew Diamond, decided on a European trip, but on the way Johnny developed a throat infection. He never fully recovered from it, and when he returned home that summer he was destined to lose both of his titles in rapid succession. First, Joe Lynch separated him from his bantam laurels by stopping him in fourteen rounds at the New York Velodrome, and two months later he found himself minus his flyweight crown when that spectacular Filipino, Pancho Villa, knocked him out in the eleventh stanza at Ebbets Field.

Though he no longer rated as championship calibre, Buff managed to plug along for another three years, doing passably for himself, until, at the age of 37, he called it quits in 1925.

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ANOTHER ringster, who did not launch a professional ring career until he was 30, but became a fairly prominent campaigner for several years, was K.O. Christner, Akron heavyweight.

Christner never was a champion, but he was a strong, rugged, durable individual, and a dangerous puncher, and he stepped along with nearly all the top heavyweights of his era.

The Akronite hit the headlines in 1928 when he was picked as a "soft touch" for Knute Hansen, the big blond Viking who was something of a reigning sensation at the time.

Christner, then 32, was practically unknown beyond the limits of Ohio, though he had done well for himself in local rings against such opponents as Joe Sekyra, Frankie Wine, Jack Humbeck and Bud Gorman.

Billy Gibson, who had taken over the management of Hansen, was offered Christner as an opponent in Cleveland.

Billy had heard only vaguely of the Rubber City slugger, and decided to do some checking.

"Yeah, he's a big, tough guy, but he's an old man, and a fast, clever, sharpshooter like Hansen will murder him," was the sum and substance of the reports filed with Gibson.

So Billy accepted the match.

The "old man" proceeded to explode the Hansen myth by belting Knute out in the eighth round.

For the next few years Christner was a popular attraction in heavyweight centers. There weren't many of the good 'uns he missed, either. He was particularly well-liked in Boston, where he fought Jack Sharkey, Jim Maloney, Ernie Schaaf (twice), Young Stribling, Jack McCarthy and Arthur DeKuh.

He tangled with Paulino Uzcudun and Otto von Porat in New York, Johnny Risko in Cleveland, Joe Sekyra in Dayton, Dick Daniels in Minneapolis, Primo Carnera in Detroit, George Manley in Denver, Max Baer in Oakland and Les Kennedy in Los Angeles.

But too many tough battles were bound to make themselves felt, and Christner gradually faded to the status of just another heavyweight—a sort of official "trial horse" for up-and-coming youngsters. He was an industrious one, however, and when he finally quit he had packed a total of more than 100 bouts into his eight years of rugged leather-pushing.

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OF more recent vintage, there was that old sea dog, Ken Overlin, who came out of the Navy early in the '30s to become a pretty capable journeyman worker for eight or nine years before he began to attract serious attention as a possible middleweight champion.

Ken was 30, and a veteran of probably 125 ring battles, when he whipped that dangerous Filipino, Ceferino Garcia, in Madison Square Garden in 1940 for the New York version of the then disputed 160-pound title.

Overlin probably would be fighting yet if the war hadn't come along. He was 32, and whipping the likes of Al Hostak, Mose Brown and Ezzard Charles, when he decided to get into the bigger fight, and quit the ring to re-enlist in the Navy.

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THE Old-Timer was back.

"So why all the fuss about Louis, Walcott, Lesnevich, Zale, Cerdan, Ortiz and the rest of the creaking old veterans?" he demanded.

"Why, they have a cinch compared to what the old mob had to contend with. There were real fighters around in those days, and the competition was certainly a lot tougher than it is now.

"The present crowd is about the sorriest conglomeration of alleged fighters we've ever known. Maybe the war's responsible. Maybe it retarded the development of youngsters. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that very few good kids have come up in recent years, and the veterans have had a soft time of it.

"Why, only the other day I read where Phil Zwick, the old globe-trotting Wisconsin featherweight, couldn't resist the temptation to pull a comeback at 43, and flattened some kid in a couple of rounds in Oshkosh!

"Look how Tiger Jack Fox, like Ol' Man River, keeps rollin' along. Fox lists his age as 41, but some folks insist he's nearer to 50. He's retired half a dozen times, but keeps coming back. And he still manages to win more often than he loses!

"Fred Apostoli was supposed to be all washed-up eight years ago, when Ceferino Garcia and Melio Bettina knocked him out in Madison Square Garden. Yet today, at 34, Fred's probably the best middleweight in California."

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"UNTIL he was knocked out recently by Ezzard Charles in Chicago," continued the Old-Timer, "who was listed No. 1 in the lineup of challengers for the Louis-Walcott winner? A gent named Elmer Ray, who confesses to being 'about 38.'

"They tell me that Fritzie Zivic, who has made more farewell appearances than Madame Patti, is acting up again. Fritzie, I hear, is talking of going to South Africa for a few fights. Why not? At 34, Zivic is practically an infant compared to some of the old campaigners still doing business at the old stand.

"There's Max Schmeling, for instance. Max, at 43, is trying to conduct a comeback in Germany!

"Only recently, I read where an English light-heavy, Jack Beech, decided to retire at 40. And he had just run off a string of six straight wins!

"Down in Australia, Alf Wells, 37, came home from a tough three years as war prisoner of the Japs, decided to resume boxing, and at last accounts was whipping some pretty fair welterweights.

"Peter Kane is another example of what a veteran who knows his business can do with the present crop of opposition. Peter, former flyweight champ of the world, was considered finished in 1943. He was serving in the R.A.F. at the time. Out of the ring three years, Kane underwent a delicate eye operation, came back as a bantam in 1946, and now, at 30, is fighting better than at any time in his career.

"Quite a few other old boys, well known to American fans, are still doing good business in European rings. For instance, Kid Frattini, now 37, is rated one of Italy's top welters. The Cuban, Kid Tunero, fighting in Spain, is 38. At 39, Bep van Klaveren is holding his own with the leading middleweights in Holland. Another 39-year-older, Ignacio Ara, is still in there battling the top welters in Spain!

"And they tell me the best heavyweight in Europe is a Belgian, Karyl Sys, who's in his early 30s.

"No, don't go shedding any tears over the creaking antiques of the ring. They've always managed to do all right for themselves.

"And that reminds me. I've got to amble along now to see George Bothner at his gym. How's George doing? Great. As trim and spry as ever. As a matter of fact, conditions being what they are these days, don't be surprised if you hear of Bothner staging a wrestling comeback any week now. And why not? He's only 80."

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

ADMITTEDLY, there is a mournful dearth of top-line ring talent these days, and outstanding matches of national and international import are not too plentiful in the fistic marts.

But it must be conceded that promoters are doing a passably good job with the short supply of available material. They're getting the most out of the little they have.

Consider, for instance, the current calendar. Four world title fights listed within a space of one month, with defending champions stacking up against their No. 1 rivals!

A schedule of that sort certainly doesn't leave much to complain about.

The first of the four titular presentations should be over by the time this appears in print. That's the lightweight fracas between Ike Williams and Enrique Bolanos, slated for May 25 in Los Angeles.

Next on the bill-of-fare is the welterweight meeting of Ray Robinson and Bernard Docusen, advertised by Chicago promoters for June 4.

The middleweight feud between Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale comes up for its third annual airing on June 9 in Newark.

And topping the busy program will be the June 23 heavyweight get-together of Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott in the Yankee Stadium.

While on the subject of champions and their activities, let's not forget that light-heavyweight Gus Lesnevich will be sailing the briny blue to keep a July 26 date with Freddie Mills in London.

And there's strong likelihood that, before the summer runs its course, Willie Pep will defend his featherweight title against Carlos Chavez in Los Angeles.

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IT was at a luncheon in Toots Shor's that the seven enterprising gentlemen, organized as the "Tournament of Champions, Inc.," and promoting the Graziano-Zale affair in Newark, were introduced to the press by Matchmaker Andy Neidereitter.

They're all wealthy, successful businessmen, said Andy, who explained their associations with a wide variety of professional enterprises. One is a hotel owner and oil magnate; another an advertising executive. The rest are identified with plastics, clothing, dress goods, linen and laundering.

"What experience have they had in boxing?" queried one of the scribes.

"None," Neidereitter replied. "They've never been mixed up in sports."

"You can bet," tittered one of the mob, "that they'll be well mixed up before this is over."

It must be conceded, however, that the gentlemen, though confessed "amateurs" in sports promotions, have been doing a real big-league job with their first venture.

While the contracts call for Graziano to collect 40 per cent of the net receipts, and Zale to be paid 20 per cent, it is reported unofficially that Rocky actually has been guaranteed $120,000 and Zale $60,000.

Add to these figures the heavy operating costs—the rental of Ruppert Stadium, the setup of the ring and the field seating, an expensive publicity corps, the preliminary card, printing, help, taxes and the many other items that creep into a promotion of this sort—and it doesn't require much more than an elementary knowledge of simple arithmetic to estimate that the show will have to gross about $300,000 to pull out ahead.

But the gamble, it seems, is not quite that risky, since the organization is reportedly receiving $50,000 for the radio rights, and if it also decides to have the fight televised, it can pick up another $30,000.

It is understood that the contracts with Graziano and Zale call for the Tournament of Champions, Inc., to match the winner with Marcel Cerdan later in the summer, site and date to be mutually agreed upon by all parties concerned.

THE inability of the 20th Century Club to line up an outdoor match for Joe Louis last summer, and the loss of the second Zale-Graziano bout to Chicago, were reflected in the 1947 financial statement recently released by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Total receipts for all boxing in the state during the year totalled $3,880,065, as compared to $6,658,494 for 1946, when the Louis-Conn, Zale-Graziano and Louis-Mauriello affairs at the Yankee Stadium combined for $2,683,545 worth of business. No major outdoor show was staged last year, and the resultant loss in taxes represented a robust drop in the state's revenue, which amounted to $333,940, against the 1946 total of $469,256.

More than $40,000 of the Commission's 1947 income was derived from licenses. During the year, 40 clubs operated throughout the state, and paid $15,700 in fees. Another $25,000 was collected from other licensees, which included 1,615 boxers, 39 matchmakers, 292 managers, 874 seconds, 74 referees, 85 judges, 29 physicians, 30 timekeepers, 26 announcers and an army of box-office men, ticket takers and ushers.

Ray Monahan, of the Fort Hamilton Arena Monahans, is deserving of a few robust pats on the back for a campaign he's conducting. Ray is trying to induce the various clubs in New York to get together and agree to contribute something—say, one per cent—out of their weekly receipts to an organization like the Police Athletic League, which has been doing such a tremendous job of fighting juvenile delinquency by equipping neighborhood gymnasiums throughout the city and encouraging youngsters to become active in boxing, basketball, baseball and other sports.

Even if the "strike" of the Boxing Managers Guild against the 20th Century Club had not been settled in time, the Louis-Walcott card would not have been affected, since the headline principals are getting what the Guild had been fighting for—a "cut" of television receipts for their fighters . . . On the subject of television, it is estimated that there will be nearly 200,000 sets in use in the New York metropolitan area by the end of 1948, and many of the leading hotels have already installed video in their rooms at a $3 daily charge . . . Mushky Jackson, that indispensable member of Mike Jacobs' organization, is branching out in his activities. In his odd moments—and, where Mushky is concerned, "odd" is used advisedly—he is promoting wrestling in Keansburg, N. J.

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THAT was quite a party the old home town, Jersey City, tossed for its one-time lightweight ace, Joe Shugrue. The turnout of 500 that crowded the Canton Tea Garden included practically all the big-wigs of the community, from Mayor Frank Eggers down the line, and among the many ring representatives were Jimmy Braddock, Frankie Burns, Abe Attell, Jack DeMave, Charley Roden, Packey O'Gatty and Harry Balogh. It was a bang-up testimonial to a swell guy and a real fighter. In his heyday, from 1910 to 1915, Shugrue rated as one of the world's top lightweights. He stopped Benny Leonard early in that great champion's career, and fought Freddie Welsh, Leach Cross, Johnny Dundee, Charley White, Matty Baldwin and the rest of the good 'uns. Joe also was with one of the first contingents of American ringmen to invade Australia in 1914. Failing eyesight cut short the Jersey Irishman's career while he was at the peak of his form.

Winner of his first two American outings—against Dave Seabrook in Hartford and Jimmy Morioka at the Broadway Arena—Joey Kay, blond English feather, is being dubbed "O'Kay" by the fans . . . There is some talk that Charley Fusari and Tippy Larkin, those rival Jersey welters, will renew their feud shortly in Newark's Ruppert Stadium. Their previous clash, with Fusari slugging out a nine-round kayo, drew a sellout $115,000 for Madison Square Garden's top gate of the 1946-47 season . . . The best prospect this commentator has seen in some time is Irish Jimmy Rooney, 18-year-old Bridgeport feather. The kid can fight.

One of these days the various boxing boards may get together and do something to eliminate the confusion caused by two or more fighters using the same name.

Recently, a Boston lightweight, who had been operating as Paul Reguejo, switched his handle to Tony Riccio, and folks now get him mixed up with the Bayonne welter.

Jimmy Collins is the title of a Baltimore welter and a Philadelphia lightweight.

Operating in the same New England territory are Tom Collins, Boston feather, and Tom Collins, Waterbury middleweight.

A St. Paul welter and a Lowell, Mass., feather bill themselves as Louis Bell.

Earl Turner, California welter, and Earl Turner, Cincinnati light-heavy, were campaigning around New York at the same time recently.

Charley Williams is the name used by at least four fighters. There are three Jackie Wilsons, Jimmy Wilsons, Jackie Burkes, Al Johnsons, Billy Smiths and John Thomas', and a peek through THE RING's 1948 Record Book reveals that among the many other names being used in duplicate and triplicate these days are Joey Angelo, Baby Armstrong, Charley Banks, Art Brown, Jimmy Brown, Joe Brown, Johnny Corbett, George Cote, Bobby Cummings, Willie Davis, George Dunn, Eddie Hudson, Johnny Johnson, Jimmy Lee, Bobby Marshall, George Martin, Bernie Reynolds, Billy Ryan, Al Smith, Eddie Smith, Buddy Thomas, Roy Thomas, Johnny Wells, Eddie White, Bobby Williams, Johnny Williams and Eddie Wilson.

The month's results:

Another newcomer from South America, Eduardo Carrasco, 134½, Peru, registered a real hit at the Jamaica Arena by the colorful, aggressive style he uncovered in edging out a decision in a rugged eight with Bobby Timpson, 134½, Youngstown. Ozone Park had an entry in every one of the supporting bouts, and wound up with three wins against two defeats. In sixes, Mario Moreno, 138, outpointed Paul (O'Hara) Papesca, 139, Long Island City, and Al Smith, 131, decisioned Carl Minnis, 128½, Philadelphia. In fours, Johnny Hewitt, 150, shaded Art McKenzie, 147, Bronx, but Billy Miller, 124½, was outslugged by Tim Healy, 122, Williamsburg, and Bill Gillespie, 150, was beaten by Tony Bove, South Brooklyn.

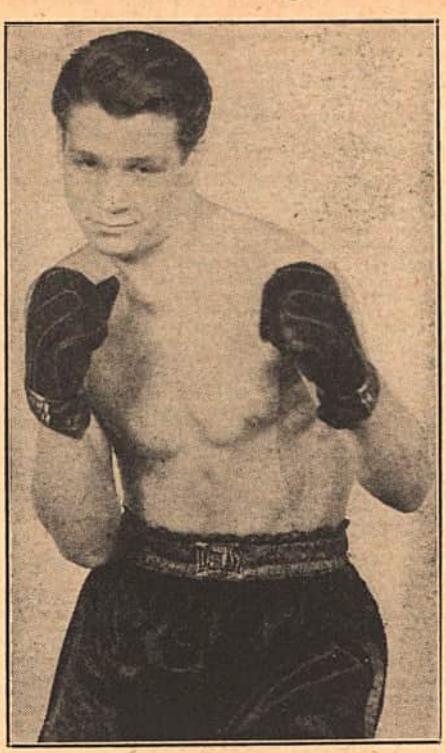
Joe Juliano, 151, East Side, who formerly operated as Joe Sulick, punched out a unanimous decision over the veteran Joey Peralta, 155, Tamaqua, Pa., in eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, whipped Harry Diduck, 120, Brooklyn; Billy Liggett, 127, Trenton, outfought Jimmy Morioka, 125, Toronto, and Angelo Morganti, 145, Astoria, flattened Frankie Dell, 147½, East Side, in the second. Mel Williams, 148, Trenton, defeated Jimmy Greer, 143, Newark, in four.

A strong finish earned a draw for Willie Beltram, 137½, Bronx, in a sizzling eight with Solly Cantor, 135, Toronto, at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Charley Titone, 124, Ridgewood, drew with Eddie Dumazel, 123½, Cardiff, Wales, in the semi-final six. Another scheduled six wound up in a hurry, Al Winn, 164½, Bronx, flattening Bobby James, 161, Harlem, in the first. In fours, Larry Shaw, 166, Sheepshead Bay, whipped Jimmy Field, 161, Brownsville; Fred Monforte, 135, Red Hook, decisioned Filipe Fuentes, 130, Mexico City, and Bobby Wingfield, 160½, Hempstead, finished Eddie Neuguth, 174, Gerritson Beach, in the first.

One of the better youngsters in the metropolitan area, 18-year-old Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 149½, Bronx, ran off his eighteenth straight win as a professional by outpointing the veteran Norman Rubio, 151, Albany, at the White Plains Civic Center. Because of Hairston's age, the bout was limited to six rounds, which probably was fortunate for the youngster. At the finish, he was wilting rapidly from Rubio's lusty body punching. In the semi-final, another fast-coming lad, Fairest Norman, 146, Mount Vernon, made it 13 wins in 14 pro starts by flattening Jesse Harrison, 141¾, Bronx, in the second. Eddie Ahearn, 157½, Bronx, decisioned Jimmy Leslie, 152½, Augusta, Ga., in four.

An edge in the final round gave Maxie Shapiro, 133, East Side, a split verdict over Maxie Starr, 139, Baltimore, in a lively eight at the Broadway Arena. Shapiro outboxed Starr at long range, but the Marylander had the better of the infighting, and it was anybody's scrap going into the last session. Greg Gomez, 126¼, Jamaica, outpointed Bobby Williams, 143½, West Side, in the semi-final six. In two other sixes, Gene Salisbury, 143½, North Bergen, N. J., decisioned Jimmy Tarangelo, 138¾, Greenwich Village, and Mike Carney, 160, West Side, stopped Frankie Waite, 161, Cleveland, in the first. In fours, Quitman Dorch, 144, Brooklyn, whipped Al Lockwood, 142½, Chicago, and Frank Carini, 132¼, East Side, outfought Billy Forde, 130, Brooklyn.

Though outweighed 6½ pounds, Joey Belfiore, 137½, Philadelphia, packed a bit too much stuff for Ross Anzalone, 144, Fordham, and finished in front of a dull mauling eight at the Park Arena. After Freddie McManus, 179½, Jersey City, was declared the winner over Carmine Vingo, 194, Bronx, in the semi-final six, someone "discovered" an error in the balloting. The decision



Reconsidering his decision to retire from the ring, popular Johnny Colan returned after nine-months' absence to register two decisions over heavier Jimmy Carollo at Sunnyside Garden.

was reversed and given to Vingo, which was a worse error than the original. McManus appeared to be a clear winner. In another six, Leo LeBrun, 125, Bronx, was presented with a disputed verdict over John Christaldi, 127½, Philadelphia.

Continuing his winning sequence at his favorite stamping grounds, Sunnyside Garden, Andy DePaul, 151, Cliffside Park, N. J., punched out a decision over Dom Marchese, 153½, Brooklyn, in a hard-hitting eight. It was DePaul's seventh straight win at the Long Island City club. Ray Edwards, 129, Jamaica, outfought Harry Diduck, 130, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. In another six, Bobby Blue, 134¾, Astoria, flattened John (Bunny) White, 134, Hempstead, in the second. In fours, Tim Healy, 123, Williamsburg, was awarded a disputed verdict over Henry Schillizzi, 128, Middle Village; Ben Holley, 120¾, Harlem, outpointed Maurice Fredericks, 119¾, West Side, and Hector Rodriguez, 123, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Julie Colon, 118¾, in the first.

Dropped by a left hook in the fourth, Ceferino Bronco, 149, Fall River, Mass., missed out on the count, rose just as Referee Jim Freeman tolled "ten," and Freddie Menna, 148, Jamaica, was credited with a knockout at Jamaica Arena. In the semi-final six, Mario Moreno, 138¾, Ozone Park, repeated his previous week's win over Paul (O'Hara) Papesca, 139½, Long Island City. In another six, Lester Felton, 144, Detroit, outpointed Junius Woods, 147¾, Brooklyn. In fours, Bob Wilson, 152, Tulsa, whipped Paul Hawks, 148, Beacon, N. Y.; Jimmy McPartland, 140, West Side, won from Carlin Scott, 141, Bronx, and Joe Cascella, 137½, Staten Island, decisioned Oscar Lewis, 139¼, Newark.

Returning to the ring after an absence of three and a half months, Gene Gosney, 206, Seminole, Okla., punched out a decision eight over Phil Alston, 182, Roslyn, at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Roland LaStarza, 184, Bronx, stopped Johnny Holloway, 200, Florence, S. C., in the fifth; Jimmy Herring, 150, Ozone Park, outfought Lenny Holton, 144½, St. Louis, and Joe Lindsey, 182, Brooklyn, decisioned Bob Isler, 175, West Side. Both fours wound up in two-round kayoes, Paul Puglia, 132, Ozone Park, stopping Filipe Fuentes, 127, Mexico City, and Mickey Alagna, 143, Ridgewood, stopping George Scott, 142, Harlem.

A handy guy to have around for last-minute substitutions, Laurie Buxton, 145, Watford, England, did it again at the Eastern Parkway Arena, when he filled in for the ailing Dave Andrews and gave a good account of himself against Doug Radford, 141½, Harlem, in a lively eight. Radford won handily enough, but Buxton made him hustle all the way. In sixes, Angelo Morganti, 143, Astoria, beat Enrique Lopez, 145½, Mexico; Mike Carney, 160½, West Side, outpointed Nick Melli, 160¾, Bay Ridge, and Billy Gillespie, 147¾, Ozone Park, finished an Ozone Park rival, Tony Pellizzi, 149, in the third. In fours, Henry Schillizzi, 128½, Middle Village, whipped Billy Forde, 129½, Brooklyn, and Billy Henderson,, 130¾, Cliffside Park, N. J., stopped Angel Ayala, 129, West Side, in the third.

Another substitute, Al Hersh, 151, East Side, batted for Tony Pellone and punched his way to a decision in eight over Roger Whynott, 149½, Canada, at the Broadway Arena. A damaged nose was responsible for Pellone's withdrawal from the card. Sol Levitt, 145¾, East Side, whipped Frankie Dell, 146¾, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six was abbreviated when Al Winn, 164, Bronx, stopped Jimmy DeSouza, 161, Brooklyn, in the fifth. In fours, Joe Rigano, 121½, Brooklyn, outpointed a borough rival, Gene Galney, 117; Benny James, 161½, Harlem, whipped John Grey, 161, Mount Vernon, and Jimmy Leslie, 152½, Atlanta, Ga., halted Ralph Gigante, 148½, Greenwich Village, in the final frame.

After nine months of "retirement," Johnny Colan found the lure of the ring a bit too strong to resist, and decided to give it another whirl. Scaling in at 179½, the former West Sider, now domiciled in Astoria, celebrated his return by edging out a close decision over heavier Jimmy Carollo, 204, Corona, in eight at Sunnyside Garden. In the semi-final six, Leo LeBrun, 127, Bronx, forced the action to edge out Eddie Dumazel, 124½, Cardiff, Wales. In another bout, Paul Puglia, 132, Ozone Park, flattened Paul Rivera, 132, Puerto Rico, in the first.

Returning to the White Plains Civic Center for the second successive week, Norman Rubio, 152, Albany veteran, proved too rugged and experienced for young Fairest Norman, 148½, Mount Vernon, and won handily in eight. Promising Bernie Dowd, 134¼, Livingston, N. J., outpointed Johnny Christaldi, 128½, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. The show wound up a disappointing season for the Center, which, in previous years, had been one of the most consistently successful of the smaller clubs in the metropolitan district.

Those rival Bronxites, Willie Beltram, 138, and Johnny LaRusso, 136½, made an effort to settle their argument at the Park Arena, but at the close of eight rounds there was so little to choose between them that the official verdict, a draw, seemed eminently satisfactory to both factions. Sal Ferello, 124½, unbeaten Bronx youngster ran off his 31st straight pro win by edging out Arthur Vernon, 127½, Garfield, N. J., in the semi-final six. In another six, Bobby Blue, 132¾, had a slight margin over Lulu Vitolo, 135, Bronx. In fours, Jim McPartland, 141, Bronx, whipped Oscar Lewis, 138, Newark; Quitman Durch, 144½, Darby, Pa., beat Al Lockwood, 140, Chicago, and Jimmy Williams, 122, Harlem, stopped Pat Kenhan, 124, Scranton, in the second.

Tony LaBua, 136½, was too experienced and clouted too hard for his youthful Ozone Park rival, Mario Moreno, 137, at Jamaica Arena, and the scrap finished in the third, when Referee Ray Miller called a halt after Moreno had been dropped three times. The colorful Peruvian, Eduardo Carrasco, 133, seemed to have the edge on George Wright, 131, Philadelphia, in the co-feature eight, but the verdict was a draw. Jimmy Holden, 188½, Elizabeth, N. J., decisioned Johnny Stevens, 176½, Brownsville, in six. In fours, Freddie Smith, 134, Harlem, whipped Ernie Parker, 132, East Side; Joe Cascella, 138¾, Staten Island, outpointed Bobby Leake, 144, Harlem, and Mel Griffin, 160¼, Jamaica, stopped Clarence Woods, 161, Harlem, in the second.

Rapidly establishing himself as one of the better young welterweights in the metropolitan area, Paddy Young, 147, Greenwich Village, punched too hard and too often for Walter Stevens, 144, Newark, and halted him in the seventh at the Ridgewood Grove. Wade Chancey, 188, Staten Island, flattened Howard Berger, 196, Philadelphia, in the second of the semi-final. Johnny Wolgast, 129, Philadelphia, decisioned Jimmy Morioka, 126, in six, and Al Smith, 131, Ozone Park, stopped Georgie Wright, 131, Philadelphia, in the fifth.

After two scheduled main events had fallen apart because of injuries and illness to the principals, the Eastern Parkway Arena came up with a short-notice match that produced an even-up eight between Frankie Abrams, 147, Detroit, and Phil Burton, 147, St. Louis. In the semi-final six, Johnny Marino, 135½, East New York, decisioned Paul Papesca, 143½, Bronx. In another six, Junius Woods, 151, Brooklyn, outfought a borough rival, Ernie Butler, 149½. In fours, Johnny Hewitt, 156, Ozone Park, stopped Lou Amore, 161, Red Hook, in the first; Billy Gillespie, 150¾, South Ozone Park, halted Neil Koerkle, 149, Bayonne, in the final frame, and Bill Henderson, 130, Cliffside Park, N. J., whipped Carl Minnis, 129¾, Philadelphia.

With Reuben Jones pulling up ill with a strep throat, Randy Brown, 163, Mount Vernon, was rushed in as a substitute against Jimmy Mangia, 164, East Side, in the top eight of the Broadway Arena's final show of the 1947-48 season. The scrap resulted in a draw. Joey Kay, 129, aggressive slugger from Horwich, England, proved too strong and too robust a clouter for Jimmy Morioka, 123¾, Toronto, in six, but the Japanese-Canadian fought a game, uphill fight after being floored twice in the second. In another six, Fred Mon-

forte, 135, Brooklyn, whipped Joe Micelli, 135½, Greenwich Village.

In running off his 21st straight win as a pro, Roland LaStarza, 184, rugged young Bronxite, scored three knockdowns to take an easy decision in six over Freddie McManus, 177, Jersey City. Only one of the supporting bouts went its prescribed route, Lou Russo, 145½, Astoria, outpointing Lenny Holton, 148, St. Louis, in six. In other affairs, Vince Turpin, 144½, Canton, Ohio, flattened Leonard Ceasar, 145½, Harlem, in the third; Lee Patrick, 162½, St. Louis, kayoed Julie Leonard, 166, in the fifth; Billy Forde, 129¾, Brooklyn, polished off Lulu Vitolo, 131, Bronx, in the first, and Aaron Williams, 145, Philadelphia, iced Bobby Wilson, 150, Brooklyn, in the third.

Tony LaBua, 137, Ozone Park, didn't lose much time polishing off Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, Mass., at Sunnyside Garden. Forty-three seconds after the opening bell clanged, the affair was over. In sixes, Oscar Lewis, 137, Newark, decisioned Bobby Blue, 134, Astoria, and Tony DeMiccio, 175, Schenectady, decisioned Jay Johnson, 173, Plainview, Tex. In fours, Henry Schillizzi, 129, Long Island City, whipped Bill Miller, 125, Ozone Park; Tony Ciminio, 146½, Bayonne, outpunched Paul Hawks, 147½, Beacon, N. Y., and Bob Morgan, 154½, Elmhurst, stopped Anthony Pellizzi, 150, Ozone Park, in the first.

Nick Mistovich, 147½, promising Youngstowner, batted a perfect 1.000 against Willie Odom, 147½, Harlem, in a one-sided eight at Jamaica Arena. The Ohioan was awarded every round on all of the three official scorecards. Odom made things fairly interesting for two frames, but after that it was all Mistovich. Jay Parkin, 137¼, Philadelphia, edged out Al Smith, 133¾, Ozone Park, in the semi-final six. In another six, Bobby Dawson, 146½, East Side, outpointed Bob Copeland, 148, West Side. In fours, Fred Smith, 136, Harlem, got the nod over Ernie Parker, 131, East Side; Earl Walls, 190, Toronto, stopped Dick Lee, 183½, Erie, Pa., in the first, and Joe Rigano, 121, Ozone Park, made it eight wins in nine pro starts by outpointing ancient Pat Henehan, 122, Scranton, Pa.

Before a chilled gathering of 3,000, the outdoor season opened at Fort Hamilton Arena, with Dick Wagner, 171, Portland, Ore., and Tom McKeagney, 170, Boston, slugging their way to a draw in eight. The semi-final ended in the second when Pete Ferrente, 135, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, put over the finisher on Charley Donovan, 136, East Side. In sixes, Frankie Dell, 147, South Brooklyn, had an edge on Johnny Mackenzie, 148, Bronx, and Len Durham, 143, Brooklyn, outpointed Gene Salisbury, 142, North Bergen, N. J. In fours, Ralph Gigante, 149, Greenwich Village, whipped Jimmy Dello, 147, Bridgeport, and Charles Dawson, 162, West Side, stopped Larry Shaw, 161, Bay Ridge, in the first.

A pair of Long Island's likelier young welters, Angelo Morganti, 142, Astoria, and Jimmy Herring, 150¼, Ozone Park, turned in wins at the Ridgewood Grove, Morganti whipping Enrique Lopez, 144, Mexico City, in six, and Herring stopping Aaron Williams, 142, Philadelphia, in the second. In three other sixes, Tony Del Gatto, 157, Brooklyn, drew with Bobby James, 159, Harlem; Joe Lindsey, 179, Brooklyn, whipped Bob Isler, 176, Harlem, and Bob Wilson, 154, Brooklyn, decisioned Jimmy Nickens, 149, Bronx. Mickey Alagna, 142, Ridgewood, halted Jimmy English, 144, Brooklyn, in the third of a scheduled four.

Tippy Larkin still is the master against opponents who cannot punch. The Garfield veteran, scaling 143½, tossed a boxing lesson into Ruby Kessler, 144, Brooklyn, in ten at the Eastern Parkway Arena. His win kept intact Larkin's record of not having lost a decision since 1939—his few defeats in that time having been by knockouts. In sixes, Ray Aliberto, 163, Greenpoint, whipped Mike Carney, 158, West Side, and Ray Edwards, 129, Jamaica, outpointed Ernie Parker, 131, East Side. In fours, Oscar Lewis, 137, Newark, decisioned Joe Cascella, 139, Staten Island; Mike Camaporela, 192¼, Red Hook, outpointed Dick Lee, 184½, Bronx, and Eddie Neuguth, 172, Brooklyn, whipped Bobby Wingfield, 169½, Hempstead.

By way of proving that his previous victory over Jimmy Carollo of Corona was no mere flash in the fistic pan, Johnny Colan did it again in a return eight at Sunnyside Garden. The scrap was close, but Colan, despite a 26-pound weight handicap, deserved the decision over his heavier rival. The former West Sider, now operating out of Astoria, scaled 177 to Carollo's 203. In sixes, Danny Butler, 141, Bronx, drew with Lou Russo, 145½, Astoria, and Roy Snead, 172, Brooklyn, stopped Ed Sutton, 165, Reading, Pa., in the last frame. In fours, Steve Klepeis, 157¼, Clifton, N. J., decisioned Jimmy Field, 162, Brooklyn; Bill Forde, 130, Brooklyn, whipped Bill Henderson, 125, Ozone Park, and John Hewitt, 147, Ozone Park, halted George Roman, 148, Brooklyn, in the third.

Irish Jimmy Hegeman, 129½, Brooklyn, seems to specialize in upsetting undefeated Bronx youngsters. Hegeman, who had previously handed Joey Scarlotta his first setback in 20 starts, returned to the Park Arena to toss a real shock into the home folks by flattening Joey Ferello, 124, in the second. Before Hegeman came along, Ferello had put together a string of 31 straight bouts without a loss. Scarlotta, 131, appeared in the semi-final, and drew in a lively six with Danny Martin, 129½, Detroit. In another six, Richie Dallas, 164, St. Louis, punched out a decision over Jerry Heminger, 165, Tiffin, Ohio.

Recollections of Primo Carnera and his historic "tour" were revived at the Jamaica Arena's closing show of the season when Jim Cully, 6 foot-7 inch, 265-pound importation from Tipperary, was unveiled in his American fistic debut. His "opponent," one Wally Baden, 202, Scranton, didn't give the curious assemblage much of an opportunity to determine whether or not the Irish giant could fight. The thing lasted only 2 minutes, 13 seconds, and most of that time was spent by Baden on the canvas. He was down five times before being counted out. Bobby James, 159, Jamaica, stopped Buster Rose, 165, Garfield, N. J., in the second of the semi-final six, and another six also wound up in the second when James Flood, 151, Yorkville, swamped Carl Peeples, 147, Bronx. In fours, Leonard Caesar, 135½, West Side, edged out Jimmy McPartland, 140½, Bronx; Ben Holley, 122, drew with a West Side rival, Maurice Fredericks, 119, and Henry Schillizzi, 126, Valley Stream, outmauled Jerry Ferrara, 127¼, East Side.

The "strike" of the Boxing Managers Guild against the 10th Century Club, which had kept the St. Nick Arena fightless for six weeks while Madison Square Garden was taken over by the circus, was settled in time for boxing's return. on schedule, to the House That Tex Built. With only four days in which to round up a card, Matchmaker Chickie Bogad did a surprisingly good job—at least, from an artistic standpoint, if not a financial one. Only 6,142 customers turned out, contributing a gross of $11,911 to the till, but they were well rewarded by a show that bristled with action all the way, and uncovered two "new faces" who will be welcomed back to the Garden at any time.

For the top ten, Jesse Flores, 139½, flew in from Stockton, Cal., to give New Yorkers their first peek at him, and the youngster, rated among the world's top lightweights, came through with a brilliant exhibition of speed and boxing against rugged, aggressive Johnny Williams, 140¼, Montgomery, Ala. The official decision was a draw, but Flores seemed to have earned the edge in a rousing battle that sizzled with fast exchanges. Judge Joe Agnello cast his vote for Flores, Referee Ruby Goldstein thought a draw the logical vote, and Judge Artie Schwartz made it even all around by tabbing Williams.

Another newcomer in Gotham rings, Sid Peaks, 218, Charleston, Ind., displayed a pair of dynamite-laden fists in demolishing Johnny Shkor, 221, Boston, in quick order. After a fairly even first round, Peaks reached Shkor with a thunderous left hook early in the second, and Johnny hit the canvas for the first of three knockdowns. Referee Jack Hurlbut called a halt to the affair after the Bostonian's third trip to the canvas. Peaks, a powerfully muscled individual, and remarkably agile for one of his proportions, has the faculty of falling away from opponents' leads, and, while apparently off-balance, whipping over hefty counters. He seems to clout with equal emphasis with either hand. While a left hook floored Shkor the first time, rights to the chin accounted for the other knockdowns.

Veteran Judge Passes

One of the oldest officials identified with boxing in New York—both in age and in length of continuous service—passed away recently when George LeCron died in Brooklyn. He was 77, had been licensed as a boxing judge since October 13, 1925, and had officiated in more than 1,000 matches during his long association with the sport.

Among Mr. LeCron's many important assignments had been twelve of Joe Louis' bouts, including those with Primo Carnera, Max Baer, Max Schmeling and Tony Galento.

Though he retired in 1943 from his regular profession, that of building inspector for the New York City Board of Education, Mr. LeCron, an ardent boxing enthusiast, had continued serving as an official in ring contests, and his last assignment was on March 5 of this year when he sat in while Gus Lesnevich, defending his light-heavyweight title, knocked out Billy Fox in the first round in Madison Square Garden.

In the first ten, a pair of willing journeymen workers, Gene Boland, 155, Scranton, outslugged Tony Riccio, 151, Bayonne.

A knockdown in the final round gave Vinnie Cidone, 158¾, the verdict over a Coney Island rival, Mike Verrengia, 160¼, in four, while Bill Feeney, 145, Bayonne, whipped Billy Dove, 140½, Cliffside Park, in another four.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

HERE are the results of recent bouts in Texas:

At Amarillo—Howard Carr, 145, kayoed Frankie Borrelli, 143, one; J. P. Routh, 140, decisioned Joe Lopez, 142, four; Hubert Gray, 141, decisioned Dick Weinhold, 145, six; Joe Martinez, 164, kayoed Jimmy Boggs, 157, one; Joe Danos, 149, kayoed Billy Shelton, 146, three.

At Austin—Tiger Rodriguez, 131, decisioned Bobby White, 132, four; Danny Stipanovich, 137, kayoed Ernesto Padilla, 140, one; Bobby Dykes, 147, T.K.O.'ed Larry Rea, 150, five; Buddy Hughes, 135, T.K.O.'ed Jose Ferrer, 134, three; Bert Linam, 146, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Dabbs, 142, twelve (championship).

At El Paso—Jacky Blair, 130, kayoed Tony Rangel, 131, two; Rito Torres, 127, T.K.O.'ed Julio Muriel, 130, five; Buddy Baggett, 112, decisioned Manuel Soto, 108, eight; Joe Martinez, 155, kayoed Tony Elizondo, 155, two.

At Corpus Christi—Bobby Garza, 122, decisioned Clarence Flint, 122, four; Abel Rodriguez, 134, kayoed Bobby White, 130, three; Bob Kocurek, 162, kayoed Boshey Moreno, 158, three; Carl Shobe, 184, and O'Neal Crocker, 178, no contest; Chango Patino, 144, decisioned Tommy Ramirez, 144, ten.

At El Paso—Enrique Soteno, 140, T.K.O.'ed Jose Lopez, 137, one; Pedro Alvarez, 144, decisioned Antonio Montez, 143, four; Salvador Marez, 131, and Francisco Dozal, 134, drew, four; Eusebio Hernandez, 145, decisioned Ramon Perez, 144, four; Diego Hidalgo, 147, decisioned Salvador Chavez, 149, six; Adolfo Quijano, 176, kayoed Ernie Rios, 181, six.

At McAllen—Joel Longoria, 146, decisioned Alfredo Tristan, 149, four; Eugene Longoria, 121, T.K.O.'ed Roberto Garza, 120, four; Refugio Olivares, 136, decisioned Marcello Arneas, 148, six; Jesse Nieto, 126, T.K.O.'ed Memo Lara, 126, five; Pedro Zamarripa, 130, decisioned Baby Martinez, 130, ten.

At Houston—Richard Bennevendo, 140, decisioned William R. Whigham, 134, four; Ted Agapion, 139, decisioned George H. Miller, Jr., 135, four; Buddy Torres, 156, kayoed Boshey Moreno, 158, three; Francisco Acosta, 150, kayoed Jerry Sargent, 146, two; Eddie Lamar, 184, kayoed Carol Rivoli, 181, four.

At Amarillo—Carlos Villava, 122, T.K.O.'ed Charlie Neff, 124, two; Jacky Blair, 129, decisioned Francisco Guzman, 131, six; Buddy Baggett, 112, decisioned Salvador Amaya, 113, six; Ormando Carmona, 125, kayoed Ignacio Godinez, 128, four; Jesus Fonseca, 122½, kayoed David Padilla, 123, four.

At Freeport—Lincoln S. Medlin, 152, and Douglas Rhone, 158, drew, four; Tony Bravo, 128, T.K.O.'ed Clarence Flint, 126½, three; Mitchell Dorsey, 136, kayoed Bobby White, 133, two; Ray Penney, 140, kayoed Melchor Rodriguez, 133, one; Billy Edwin McCoy, 185, kayoed Joe E. Chance, 175, two.

At McAllen—Juan Avandano, 118, kayoed Mario Gonzales, 115, one; Eugene Longoria, 124, kayoed Juan Hinojosa, 122, two; Roy Castillo, 115, T.K.O.'ed Pancho Beas, 111, six; Refugio Olivares, 139½, decisioned Pablo Ramon, 141, six; Carlos Garcia, 133½, decisioned Reynaldo Rodriguez, 129, ten.

At Amarillo—Manny Ortega, 124, kayoed Manuel Camarillo, 122, five; Hubert Gray, 143, decisioned Chebo Hernandez, 144, six; Red Routh, 141, decisioned Jesse Flores, 141, four; Pedro Alvarez, 140, T.K.O.'ed L. B. Romero, 139, two; Bill Cornelius, 153, decisioned Jimmy Boggs, 158, four.

At McAllen—Jesus Martinez, 130, decisioned Carlos Garcia, 132, ten; Max Longoria, 139, decisioned Claudio Arizpe, 133, six; Joel Longoria, 140, decisioned M. Garza, 138, six; Simon Villarreal, 126, decisioned Adrian Munoz, 127, four; Ernesto Infante, 119, and Juan Avandano, 123, drew, four.

At Houston—Ray Penney, 143, kayoed Richard Bennevendo, 138, one; William W. Fillip, 193, kayoed James Shaw, 195, one; Lincoln Medlin, 163, kayoed Douglas Rhone, 162, three; Ernie Duarte, 147, decisioned Francisco Acosta, 155, six; Joe Maxim, 184, decisioned Louis Berlier, 188, ten.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

ACTION in the state stepped up during the month for a total of 14 shows, containing professional bouts. There were several shows made up wholly of semi-pro bouts which are state controlled amateurs. For this reason they are not covered here.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Janiro, 150, Youngstown, O., had a very close call in his bout with Johnny Dudley, 146, Detroit, but came off with the decision. Dudley was a last-minute sub for Ernie Petrone of Philadelphia. After a slow first round, in which Janiro had an edge because of his superior boxing, Dudley countered with a smashing right hand to the jaw in the second round that dropped Janiro, who arose glassy-eyed and dazed. Dudley became over anxious and outside of shaking Janiro up with a hook let his opportunity get away from him.

Vic Cardell, 145, Hartford, kept his unbeaten record intact when he again received a draw with Bobby Rosado, 140, New York, in the eight-round semi-final. Eddie Drake, 122, Meriden, won a six-round decision over Danny Falcone, 119, Manchester. Sal DeMartino, 156, Hartford, flattened Izzy Blum, 160, New York, in the second round of a four. A couple of semi-pro bouts opened the show.

A crowd of 2348 paid a gross gate of $3941.

Bridgeport Armory—Jimmy Carollo, 202½, Corona, L. I., N. Y., won a ten-round decision over Eldridge Eatman, 195, Norwalk. Eatman was the aggressor at the start. A push in the first round left Eatman seated on the canvas. He came back in the second and wrestled Carollo to the deck. Carollo started pitching pile-driving right hands to Eatman's body in the third, but Eatman crowded him and caused him to miss a lot of blows. In the sixth round both fighters tired and the action slowed badly in the latter half of the fight.

Roland LaStarza, 183, New York, took a six-round decision over Claude McClintock, 186, Bridgeport. Carmine DiGeorgio, 209, Long Island City, easily stopped Joe Thomas, 196, Brooklyn, in the second round. Danny Bowman, 133, Brooklyn, proved too clever for Mickey Russo, 137, Danbury, in their four-rounder. In the opener, Dick Dallas, 163, New York, flattened Joe Woods, 163, Oakland, N. J., in the first round.

The paid attendance was 1,434 with a gross gate of $2,835.

New Britain: Stanley Arena—Pat Byers, 151, Kannapolis, N. C., and New Britain, repeated his win over Shamus McCray, 146, Cleveland, O., in their ten-round feature. In the fourth a terrific left hand to the pit of the stomach dropped McCray, who took an eight-count.

Johnny Bell, 142, New Britain, was handed a soft touch in Rocky DeFranco, 147, Springfield, whom he stopped in the second round of the scheduled eight-round semi-final. Billy Morris, 143, Torrington, had to get up off the floor to score a hard-earned six-round decision over Johnny Parker, 145, Springfield. Sal DeMartino, 150, Hartford, scored another knockout win, this time over Red Williams, 145, Waterbury, in the second round of the four-round opener.

Hartford Auditorium—Bobby Rosado, 138½, New York, scored a surprise knockout over Jimmy Warren, 136, Brooklyn, in the second round of their eight-rounder. At the outset of the second round Rosado crossed a right over a left lead and Warren stiffly dropped to the canvas with a thud. Referee Eddie Reed didn't bother to continue the count and Dr. John J. McLean leaped into the ring to administer to the stricken fighter. The knockout came at 35 seconds of the second round.

Vic Cardell, 145, Hartford, received the nod in his eight-rounder with Eli de Loech, 145, New York. Bobby Polowitzer, 130, East Hartford, was held to a draw by long-armed Johnny Eddington, 134½, New York, in eight rounds. Sal DeMartino, 153, Hartford, stopped Tony Palermo, 159, Bridgeport, in the fourth and final round. A semi-pro bout got the show underway.

Danbury Armory—Joey Krikas, 138, New York, won Referee Joe Howard's decision over Art Garcia, 140, New Haven, after six dull rounds. Approximately 800 fans saw the show, which was made up of a six-round pro main event, and an undercard of six three-round semi-pro bouts.

Norwalk Armory—Danny Falcone, 118, Manchester, won an easy six-round decision over Gabriel Rios, 118, New York. Falcone outboxed his shorter rival to cop all six rounds on Referee Dan Buckley's scoresheet. In the first round Rios slipped and injured his ankle, which hindered his footwork.

Danny Ventre, 160, Norwalk, was credited with a knockout victory in the first round of the four-round semi-final. His opponent, Harry Bridgeport, 155, Norwalk, went down twice without being hit. His purse was withheld. Ventres has the earmarks of a promising fighter. The remainder of the show was made up of semi-pro bouts.

New London: Ocean Beach Auditorium—Lenny Trader, 154, New Haven Negro, stopped Al Michaud, 150, Lewiston, Me., in the third round of the eight-round feature. Michaud was the aggressor from the start, but Trader seemed to be content on waiting for that one big opening. In the second round Michaud was dropped for a four-count but came charging back. In the third, Trader forced Michaud to mix with him and dropped him for a nine-count. Michaud staggered to his feet and met another onslaught that dropped him for the final knockdown.

Eddie Drake, 123, Meriden, was awarded a six-round decision over Nick Devanno, 122, Norwich. Dick Schreck, 198, New Haven, turned pro with a one-round knockout over Tom Dunigan, 194, Boston. The remainder of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts.

A crowd of 1,003 paid $1,576.25.

New Haven Arena—Eddie Compo, 128, New Haven, took another step towards a shot at Champion Willie Pep's featherweight crown, when he won decisively over Phil Terranova, 132½, New York, in eight rounds. Terranova was the aggressor and held an upperhand in the infighting, while Compo's best departments were counter-punching and long-range boxing. Compo picked off Terranova's barrages and countered with well-timed blows. He kept the action at long range where he excelled. Terranova went all out in the sixth and won that stanza. In the seventh and eighth rounds Compo took the offensive with an attack that Terranova couldn't match.

Lee Hunt, 177½, New Haven, drew with Whirlwind Whitson, 180, Newark, in a six-rounder. Red Williams, 140, Waterbury, decisioned Vince Morello, 140, Philadelphia, in another six. Eddie Drake, 125, Meriden, scored over Willie Carryon, 129, New York, in a sixer, and Nat Terranova, 127, New York, stopped Jose Garcia, 122, Puerto Rico, in the third of a fourth six-rounder. Bobby Arnold, 162, Stamford, scored another knockout when he stopped Al Johnson, 166, Stafford, in the second.

A crowd of about 4,500 saw the show.

Hartford Auditorium—Carey Mace, 152, Hartford, received a hooted decision over Ruby Margolin, 152, Montreal, Can., in their ten-rounder. Mace copped the first five rounds, the third by a wide margin. Margolin, who had rings of fat around his waist, rallied to take the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth. Mace rallied and took the final round.

Ken King, 145, Atlanta, Ga., won by a T.K.O. when Herb Tessier, 150, Springfield, suffered such a bad cut on his right eyebrow that their fight had to be halted in the third round. Joe Kay, 130, Liverpool, England, won his American debut by taking a close duke over Davey Seabrook, 132, Jacksonville Negro, in six rounds. Pat Vendrillo, 157, Manchester, whipped Lenny Trader, 154, New Haven, in six heats. A semi-pro bout got the show underway.

Danbury Armory—Ace Red Arrow, 166, full-blooded Cherokee from Oklahoma, added the scalp of Henry Holt, 163, Danbury, to his collection, when he scored a knockout with a terrific left hook in the first round. About 700 fans saw the show.

Hartford Auditorium—Dennis (Pat) Brady, 132, New York, added the name of Willie Roberti, 131½, New York, to his long list of knockout victims, by belting out his foe in the third round. Roberti made a determined bid to score an upset. He charged Brady into the ropes in the first round and threw punches at random. Most of them Brady allowed to go around his neck, or blocked, but the few that did get through did not seem to have any effect on the hard-hitting Bronxite. In the second, Brady dropped Roberti with a left hook. Roberti barely regained his feet before the fateful ten. In the third a short right to the jaw dropped Roberti on his face for the full count.

Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, won a close six-round decision over Davey Seabrook, 131½, Jacksonville Negro. Sal DeMartino, 155, Hartford, scored a three-round knockout over Al Reid, 158, New York, in a six-rounder. Danny Butler, 139, New York, won over Art Garcia, 141, New Haven, in a dull six-rounder. The opener was a semi-pro bout.

New Britain: Stanley Arena—Pat Byers, 156, Kannapolis, N. C., won by a six-round technical knockout over Stanley (Baby) Sims, 160, New York Negro. In the fourth Sims came out of an exchange claiming that he had hurt his left hand. He continued the fight until the sixth, when the bout was halted.

An injured hand also took its toll when Johnny Bell, 146, New Britain favorite, bowed to Billy Morris, 144, Torrington Negro, in the co-feature eight. Sal DeMartino, 152, Hartford, knocked out Albert Brown, 147, New York Negro, in the second round of a six-spot. A pair of semi-pro bouts opened the show.

New Haven Arena—Danny Webb, 134, Montreal Negro, decisively outpointed Johnny Forte, 135, Philadelphia, in the eight-round feature. Forte, the heavier puncher, dropped Webb in the second round, but was unable to score against the clever Negro from that point on. Webb was fast on his feet and had a two-fisted attack of his own that made things interesting for the fans and Mr. Forte.

Jimmy Rooney, 125, Bridgeport, won over Johnny Wolgast, 127, Philadelphia, in eight heats. Freddie Addeo, 143, New York, scored over Pedro Ortega, 139, a newcomer now fighting out of New Haven, in eight. Mickey Russo, 139, Danbury, stopped Henry Coleman, 135, New Haven, in the third of a four-spot. In the opener, Dick Schreck, 198, New Haven, knocked out John Edwards, 186, New Haven, in the first round.

New London: Ocean Beach Auditorium—Whirlwind Whetstone, 184½, Orange, N. J., Negro, stopped Tony Gillo, 184, New Haven, in the sixth round of their eight-round feature. In the fourth round Whetstone became entangled in his own footwork and he catapulted through the ropes. In the sixth round, a left to the jaw dropped Gillo, who arose on unsteady pins. Whetstone forced him into a corner and spilled him again with the finisher—a right to the jaw. Gillo announced before the fight that it was to be his final ring appearance.

After a slow start, Nick Devanno, 125½, Norwich, staged an uphill battle to win a close decision over Frenchy LaCroix, 125½, Hartford. Jack Armstrong, 140, Manchester, knocked out Jim Watkins, 136, New London, in the third round of a four-spot. The bout was Watkins' pro debut. The remainder of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts.

The paid attendance was 852 for a total of $1,361.25.

Here and There Around the State—Popular Frankie Vigeant, Thomaston welterweight, announced his retirement from the ring. Vigeant runs a luncheonette in Thomaston which is located near the high school and is doing very well with it. . . . Bobby Mele has been flooded with offers for the services of his classy featherweight prospect, Eddie Compo, who seems destined to reach the heights. . . . Georgie Dunn, lithe Hartford Negro lightweight, is back in our midst after a trip to Hawaii. Dunn would figure into the outdoor set-up in Hartford very well. . . . This writer's address is Don Hamill, 367 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

NORFOLK'S new Professional club presented its first card with Ezra Summers and Bob Scercy doing the matchmaking. The results of the Empire Sports Corporation initial card was:

In 53 seconds of the third of a scheduled eight-rounder, Cosby Linson, 150, New Orleans, stopped Al Reid, 149, of Greenwood, S. C., with a roundhouse right to the mouth.

The sixth semi-windup ended in 40 seconds of the first round, when Lou Bass, 164½, of Portsmouth, Va., landed a terrific left hook to the solar plexis of K.O. Baggett, 174, of Charlotte, N. C. It was Bass's first fight after a year's layoff.

Gene Hardison, 151, Norfolk, and Jimmy Hughes, 155, of Charlotte, N. C., supplied the best bout of the evening. Although Hughes suffered a third K.O., his ever-trying style caught the fancy of the fans. Hardison's terrific left hook caused Hughes's downfall. Joe Lassiter, 155, Charlotte, kayoed Norman Ryan, 146, of Norfolk in the fifth.

In the opening tiff on the all K.O. card, O'Neil Shannon, 168, of Newport News, floored Roy Toxey, 167, Norfolk, six times before Referee Elder Kraft halted the affair in 1:17 of the third.

The Magic City Club of Roanoke, the only steadily operating club in Virginia, presented an action-filled card with Jesse "Topper" Underwood, 133, of Huntington, W. Va., knocking out Walter Davidson, 135, of Greensboro, N. C., in 1:53 of the third. The classy Underwood dropped Davidson in the first and second rounds, before dropping him for the final count in the third.

After losing the first round, Lou Yonkers, 117, of Roanoke, dropped Guy Callahan, 120, of Reidsville, N. C., in the second for the count of nine, then finished the fight in 1:33 of the third.

Ronnie Harper, 134, of Huntington, W. Va., kayoed Bill Fowler, 133, of Roanoke in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Norfolk's "Pride and Joy," Lou Bass, 160, ended the winning streak of Bulldog Rutherford, 158, Roanoke, via the ten-round decision route, at the Magic City Club, in the American Legion Auditorium in Roanoke. Bass was the master throughout the closely-fought contest.

Don Dale, 121, Charleston, W. Va., scored somewhat of an upset, in winning the six-round decision over popular Lou Yonkers, 117, of Roanoke in the semi-windup.

Norman Ryan, 145, of Norfolk, suffered his second straight K.O. when he was dropped three times by Ronnie Harper, 142, Charleston. The finish came in the third round.

Referee Johnny Dean awarded Bill Cassidy, 145, Charleston, a first round T.K.O. over George Mitchell, 155, of Roanoke.

Chris Cline, formerly a prominent fight manager in the Cleveland area, is now residing in Norfolk. He plans to build up a stable in these parts. Johnny Fitch, one of his prospects from Cleveland, is also residing here.

For information regarding these parts, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jack Levinson, 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

ANTON RAADIK, rugged two-fisted bombardier from the little country of Estonia, went in as a last minute substitute for Ray "Sugar" Robinson, who came up with a bad cold, so they tell me, and Raadik larruped cagey Georgie Abrams in a scintillating 10-rounder, which ended in the final frame, with Abrams out on his feet, at the International Amphitheatre.

The Gotham phantom felt the sting of Raadik's rib busting in the 9th round and took a nine toll in that round and one in the 10th, before the proceedings were halted.

In the best preliminary bout on the card, Collegiate Lou King, smart and rugged middleweight, lashed at Billy Parton of Cleveland, Ohio, for three rounds, when a final right cross at the bell ending the third frame also ended the bout. Parton couldn't continue in the 4th canto.

Jimmy Palmer outpointed Teddy Murray in six rounds; Jackie Burke, Minneapolis, Minn., 165-pounder, stopped Alex Arella, in three rounds of an uninteresting match, and Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio, 126-pounder, opened the show with a clean-cut win of four rounds over Mitchell Walton. Walton was down for a nine count in the opening round.

The promoters took a big loss, thanks to the undependable Robinson. The show grossed $15,993, with Abrams receiving $10,000 and Raadik, on a hurried call taking down $8,000.

World's Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich appeared in a four round exhibition and showed to advantage with Shelton Bell as his opponent. The champ received $1,500. In addition to his pay, The Mad Russian received a trophy designating him as the "Ace athlete of the month."

Marigold Gardens Arena. "Irish" Jimmy Sanders, Louisville, Ky., 152-pounder, took the measure of Leon Thompson of Evarts, Ky., for a second time, in the eight round featured event.

Collegiate Lou King, a junior at Chicago Tech, proved again that he is a good prospect by whipping the seasoned Lee Carter, of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the six round semi-final bout.

In a spectacular six-round affair, Clinton Bacon, outstanding Chicago light-heavyweight prospect, had Billy Davis, Indianapolis light-heavy, down twice to take a one-sided decision over the Hoosierite.

Orlan Ott, Indiana Harbor, heavyweight, avenged a previous knockout defeat at the hands of Joe Dawson, of Chicago, by stopping Dawson in two rounds.

In the opening bout, Doug Lang, Muskegon, Michigan, light-heavyweight, got up off the floor against Frank Klobucar, of Chicago, and finally stopped the Chicagoan, in the third round.

Harold Guss, now making Chicago his home, was fed to the wolves when he was pitted against huge 215-pound Syd Peaks, on Derby Eve, at Louisville, Kentucky. Guss received a beating and a knockout in the 10th round—Guss spotted Peaks about 35 pounds.

The twin Italian importations from Italy, came through as winners at the Chicago Coliseum, with Enrico Bertola, Italian heavyweight champion, scoring a 7-round knockout over Jimmy Roberts, from Montreal, Canada, and Luigi Valentini, rugged and diminutive Italian welterweight, winning handily from rough Joe Sgro, Indianapolis, Indiana, welter. Luigi displayed plenty of showmanship and ability, and will do well here in the States. They both fought in scheduled 10-round encounters.

In a poor preliminary card, Louis Gray stopped Oscar Hamp, in four rounds; Herbert Hooks, Chicago, defeated Willie Covington, a California product; Danny Robinson, Chicago, 142-pounder, drew with unknown Paulie Davis, 5 rounds. The Coliseum took it on the chin again and it is reported that it will close until next fall.

Marigold Gardens:—Jackie Keough, Cleveland 150-pounder, was too energetic for Lafayette Drummond, Chicago, 153-pounder, and won all the way in their eight round contest. There were no knockdowns.

In the six round semi-final, Don Eagle, now a resident of Chicago, and an Indian warrior, stopped Lenny Johnson, of Dayton, Ohio, in but two rounds. Norman Horton, Dayton, Ohio, middleweight, held the once reputable punching Sylvester Perkins to a draw. Perkins switched managership, as he is not yet 21. They went six rounds to a standstill.

Orlan Ott, Indiana Harbor heavy, practically took one puff and blew over one, Henry Foster, of Indianapolis, and it was all over in less than a minute of the first round.

In the opening joust, Billy Farmer, a Cleveland product, in the welterweight division outpointed sleek Herman Mills, at four rounds.

Freddie Maes, young Mexican 130-pounder, returned to Chicago for a brief visit. He looks as good as ever. Freddie has been engaging in ten round windups out in the west.

Marigold Gardens arena: Eddie Miller, Dayton, Ohio, middleweight, proved to be too strong and experienced for red-headed Pete McNamara, and won decidedly, in the eight round featured contest.

In a rematch of six rounds, Norman Horton gained a nice win with his cleverness over Sylvester Perkins—Horton made Perkins box, and that took the potency out of Sylvester's wallop.

Don Eagle, Iroquois Indian heavyweight, gained a T.K.O. in three rounds over Al Hunter, Detroit, heavyweight.

Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lightweight, had to step all the way in winning over Tiger Weems, at the end of four rounds.

Doyle Hirt, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 152-pounder, scored over Mickey McDonough, Miami, Florida, welterweight, in two rounds.

In the opening bout Roy Calender, Chicago, light-heavyweight, scored a kayo in his pro debut over Chuck Ross, also of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in three rounds.

Chicago Stadium: Ezzard Charles, ranking light-heavyweight contender, avenged a previous disputed loss to Elmer (Violent) Ray, and achieved a convincing nine round knockout over the erstwhile heavyweight contender, who came in at 192 pounds to the Cincinnatian's 175 pounds.

In the opening stanzas, Charles connected with a deadly right hand punch to Ray's jaw, which almost proved fatal to the Floridian. Elmer recovered in time to score a flurry of heavy blows himself and stave off a possible kayo defeat.

In the second frame The Violent One bounced a right off Ezzard's chin that made the "Crescent City" Panther immediately fall into a clinch.

Again in the third canto, Charles whipped in several devastating left and right hand shots, that almost spilled the Husky Ray, who appeared in a floundering condition after this assault.

Charles won out in the fourth round, lost on points to Big Elmer in the 5th canto, and in the sixth round, Charles re-opened an old eye wound of Ray's, which hampered his vision. However, towards the end of the 7th round, Ray staggered the Ohioan with a wicked right to the head, that took some of the edge off Ezzard's earlier advantage in this heat.

The eighth round saw Charles forging to the front with comparative ease. In the ninth heat, Ezzard hit Ray a savage punch with his right and followed this up with a wicked left to the body—Ray complained of a low blow, and momentarily had the arbiter holding Charles off. But it wasn't seconds away that the Great Charles put on the pressure and dropped his antagonist with a barrage of head and body blows that half-paralyzed the Alligator State representative. The knockout time was 2:43 of the ninth round.

On this card were three eight round encounters. The semi-windup between "Irish" Jimmy Saunders, of Louisville, Ky., and Jackie Armitage, Pittsburgh welterweight, was a corker, with the "Steel City" performer, Armitage, getting a victory on points.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Kentuckian, weighing 153 pounds, outpointed the fleet-footed boxer, Jackie Keough, from Cleveland, Ohio. Thompson's aggressive punching edged out Jackie's jabbing and right cross tactics that were repeated too often, as Thompson's defense was set up to ward off this gesture.

In the other scheduled eight round tiff, Rapid Robert Satterfield, Chicago, light-heavyweight, made short work of willing Art Swiden, Duquesne Pennsylvanian, and dropped the towering Pittsburgher for the count in the initial round for the 10-toll.

In the opening bout of six rounds, Charley Banks, Cincinnati, 175-pounder, floored Len Brosier, Pittsburgh, 175-pounder, for a nine count. Brosier managed to beat the count, survive a terrific pasting, and at the end of six scintillating rounds, with some effective punching and his durable stamina, turned certain loss to a victory for himself.

The attendance totaled 9,319 paid admissions, with a gross gate amounting to $42,703. Charles donated $5,000 of his purse that totaled $8,212 to the family of the ill-fated Sam Baroudi. Ray's take was $6,469. The combine of Schoenwald-Begun & Hurley also donated $5,000 to the Baroudi benefit.

Collegiate Lou King, Chicago middleweight, put on weight to meet southpaw Pat McCafferty, Topeka, Kansas, light-heavyweight, who is a six footer. King's diminutive height handicapped him with this big boy and thus he came out second best in their 10-round main event at Wichita, Kansas.

Marigold Gardens Arena: Talmadge Bussey, Detroit, lightweight puncher, took the nod over the veteran but still capable Willie Cheatum, and well-known Philadelphia scrapper, in the 10-round headliner. Cheatum weathered Bussey's most potent shots and scored wicked body blows himself. It was a split verdict.

Harold Vinson, Detroit, middleweight, proved superior over Lafayette Drummond, of Chicago, and won with plenty to spare. This was a six rounder.

And in the four rounders, Bobby Sherrer, Milwaukee, lightweight, won a good fight from Willie Hall, of Detroit; James Burke, Milwaukee, middleweight, stopped Doug Lange, of Muskegon, Mich., in two rounds; Southpaw Billy Reese, Milwaukee, 175-pounder, flattened Charley Peters, in two heats, and Troy Luckettes, Milwaukee, scored over Johnny Morgan, in the four-round opener.

Attention—Experienced fighters seeking work here in the Middle West will do well to contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Ill. In your letter please enclose your won and loss record, a good fight photo and any fight clippings that will add to your fighting potentialities. So, until next month, so long.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

A BOXING boom is on in Denver with three promoters bidding for dates. The Commission has ruled, and rightly so, that there can be only one pro show in any one week, and have asked the promoters to use Thursday or Friday nights so that boxing will give wrestling, which is promoted by George Zaharias, every Monday night, the least possible competition.

Morris Salzer promoted two shows using Frankie Angustain on top. The Texas middleweight won the first one over Mel Brown, but lost his second to Milo Savage of Seattle. Other bouts on Salzer's cards saw Louis (Lucky) Langley, New York, winning by a T.K.O. over Val Alvardo, Montrose, Colo., featherweight, in the third, and on the next card losing to Jackie Turner, Vancouver, B. C., in eight rounds. Louis Ruybalid, Denver lightweight, outpointed Freddie Maes, also of Denver, in six, and Little Joe Louis, 153, K.O.'ed Chuck Caldwell in two.

Promoter Pete Albright staged a fairly successful boxing card. Keith Nuttall and Lewis Williams, Kansas City lightweight, staged a slugfest, in which the foxy Negro boy, Williams, scored a three-round knockout over Henry Armstrong's protege.

In six-rounders, Hubert Gray, 146, Amarillo, decisioned Dick Weinhold, 142, Denver, and Little Joe Louis, 152, K.O.'ed Booker Johnson, 164, Ogden, Utah, in the second. In four-round preliminaries, Red Routh, 141, Amarillo, decisioned Jimmy Stewart, 146, Los Angeles; Paul Bennett, 165, Denver, knocked out Charley Collins, 158, Lowry Field, in the first, and Herman Porter, 144, Denver, took the nod over Andy Little, 144, Lowry Field.

Corky Gonzales and Joe Danos, the two best fistic prospects to be developed in Colorado in the past twenty years, were conspicuous by their absence from Denver rings. Both Corky and Joe have been busy and have gained higher and higher acclaim in Mid-western boxing circles. Gonzales, who weighs 122 to 124 pounds, is one of the classiest boxers in the world today, any weight. He is undefeated in his seventeen bouts since turning pro. In his last bout he stepped into the main-event class at Omaha, where he won an eight-round decision over Joe Amaya, Texas bantamweight champion, in a thrilling bout, in which both boys hit the canvas.

Danos fought three main events. He knocked out Jimmy Watson at Wichita, Kansas, in the sixth round; moving to Minneapolis, Minn., he put the ice on Emil Evans in the third of a scheduled eight and decisioned Jackie Keough, 151, of Cleveland, in eight rounds.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

BOXING in British Columbia is once again at a standstill. One show in four months is a very poor record. In a city the size of Vancouver, it can almost be termed a disgrace. There seems to be several reasons for this situation; part of it can be blamed directly on the lack of interest shown by the fans. Vancouver boasts a population of approximately 500,000, yet there are only between two and three thousand turning out on a good night. Another portion of the fault is the dearth of local talent. No interest is shown to an imported main event unless the particular fighters have big names and these are not available to the promoters at the prices they are able to pay. The current boxing commission is apparently doing little to alleviate the situation. If it were on its toes it would offer helpful suggestions to the matchmaker to get the sport back in full swing.

While in a critical mood, I would also like to bring to attention the non-support of the local amateur shows. During the month, the Burrard A.C. produced a card, and although there were few name fighters presented, the bouts were evenly contested. Good matchmaking lies in even contests, and no matter whether the boys are second-raters or champs the fans will see an interesting show. There was hardly enough money obtained to pay the rent of the hall. There is no wonder amateurs are not developing in Vancouver.

To my knowledge only one Vancouver fighter fought away from home this month and acquitted himself nobly. Jackie Turner scored a fourth round K.O. over Louis Langley of New York. The fight took place in Denver, Colorado.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

BOB MORLEY, young Sioux City boxing promoter, is making plans for a summer program of professional and amateur boxing cards, along with a few wrestling cards at the Sioux City Sports park. The park has been repainted, dressing rooms and office buildings and rest rooms constructed. The park will seat 3,000 fans. We have watched Bob Morley since he was a youngster in the amateur boxing ranks. He is a hard working fellow, a close student of the boxing sport. If given half a chance by the fans and the press, I am certain he can bring professional boxing back to Sioux City. Good luck, Bob.

Des Moines, Ia. In a welterweight slugfest, Del Cockayne of Des Moines jumped a notch higher when he scored a T.K.O. over Corky Davis of Worcester, Mass., in a fast 6 rounder. Davis was cut up so bad that referee Alex Fidler halted the bout.

Jack Parks of Des Moines kept his Iowa middleweight title when he scored an unpopular decision over Dick Witt, also of Des Moines, in 6 rounds. In a close 6 rounder, Delphus Edwards, young welterweight, won the decision over Buzz Lanning. Eddie Simmons of Sioux City won the nod over Johnny Baird in a fast middleweight bout, and Leroy Anderson scored over Eddie Green in 4 heats.

Omaha, Nebraska: Corky Gonzales, 122, Denver featherweight, blossomed into a main eventer on the semi-monthly boxing show here and proved to the fans that he is every ounce a ring warrior. His opponent was Joe Amaya, 124, of Corpus Christi, Texas. In the third round the leather began to fly with both fighters rocking each other and never giving an inch. In the fifth round Amaya cut loose with a hard right hand wallop that rocked Gonzales to his heels and sent him spinning to the canvas, where Corky took the eight count. Gonzales then cut loose with a left handed attack that backed Amaya all around the ring.

In the sixth and seventh rounds Gonzales pummeled Amaya to the canvas but the Texas boy righted himself without taking a count. Gonzales moved in for the kill and caught Amaya flush on the chops to send him back to the deck for the nine count. The Texas boy got back to his feet and was very much in the fight when the final bell tolled. By winning this fight Gonzales remained undefeated in his professional ring career and chalked up his 17th ring win in a row.

The show drew 1,330 fans and a gate of $2,391.25.

Popular Pat Murphy, 132½, Racine, Wisconsin, came back to Omaha by popular demand and carried home the six round decision in the semi-windup gaining the nod over Vic Creelman, 133, St. Paul.

Eddie Simmons, 164, Sioux City, decisioned Jimmy Watson, 160, Omaha, in the six round special event.

In the preliminaries Paul Martinez, 128, Omaha, won a TKO at 2:26 of the first round over Alvin DeJaynes, 125, Omaha. James Gregory, 126, Omaha, decisioned Jesse Watson, 128, Omaha, in a four rounder. Paddy O'Leary, 137, Denver (now fighting out of Omaha) decisioned Russ Moore, 132, Kansas City, in another prelim. Bob Morley, Sioux City, Iowa, and Joe Smogye, Omaha, shared the duties of referee.

Omaha, Nebraska: The main event on the semi-monthly boxing show presented by Max Clayton was one of the best ring brawls witnessed here in many a moon. Don Lee, 159½, Edison, Nebraska, managed to edge out a ten round decision over Oswaldo Silvo, 160, Brazil, and chalk up his 13th consecutive win. Their blows shook the ancient fight arena and the 2,104 fans who paid in $4,065.25 were loud in their applause for the two leather pushers.

The fans should take their hat off the noggin to Max Clayton for his fine piece of matchmaking on this fight. Silvo, who also goes under "No. 84," never used the stool between rounds but stood up in his corner and chatted with his handlers.

The world's light heavyweight champion, Gus Lesnevich, boxed a two round exhibition with pleasing Pat McCafferty of Topeka and two rounds with Omaha's Larry Watson. Lesnevich has made lots of friends in his tour through the middlewest. He is every ounce a champion, never too busy to chat with a boxing fan and has pleased many a fan by willingly giving them a photo for their collection.

In the semi-windup, Corky Gonzales, 122, Denver, proved to have too much class for Jorge Ortiz, 117, Mexico City, Mexico, scoring a TKO in 2:26 of the first. This was the 16th win in a row for Gonzales without a defeat since joining the professional ranks. Manager Champ Thomas deserves a lot of credit for the way he has brought Gonzales along the fistic trail.

Rugged Irish Jimmy Cone, 159, Kokomo, Indiana, battled to a six round draw in the special event with Rolland Taylor, 163, Des Moines, Iowa.

In the preliminaries: James Gregory, 126, Omaha (1948 Mid-West featherweight Golden Gloves champion), made his professional debut an impressive one by copping a four round decision over Harold McDonald, 126, Omaha. Gregory is managed by Leonard Hawkins. Eddie Simmons, 162, Sioux City, scored a technical knockout over Leonard Craig, 159, Omaha, at 1:50 of the third round. This was the pro debut of Leonard Craig, 1948 Mid-West Golden Gloves middleweight champ, and he was ahead on points until he suffered a cut over his left eye in the third round and the fight was stopped.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—Del Cockayne, Des Moines welter, lost by a T.K.O. to Del Flanagan of St. Paul at that spot, when the Des Moines battler received a very bad cut eye in the sixth round of their billed 10-rounder . . . . On the same card Buzz Lanning of Ottumwa, Ia., welterweight, lost a six-rounder to Booker Ellis of St. Paul . . . . The Boone Eagles lodge of Boone, Ia., has a 13 man boxing team . . . . The first amateur boxing program at Carthage, South Dakota, featuring gloves from 12 towns, drew a crowd of 1,200 fans . . . . Tony Galento, former heavyweight boxing challenger, who has transferred to the mat sport, has been showing his wares around the middlewest . . . . To W. K. F., LeMars, Iowa. I am not hooked up with any managers or promoters and as far as I know I am free to write what I think . . . . To B. K. D., Sac City, Iowa. Get in touch with THE RING Book Shop and you will find what you want . . . . I think the Jayess photo studio, P.O. Box 245, Yonkers, New York, may have the pictures you wish . . . . To H. T. at Chicago, Ill. Write my assistant, Floyd W. Hayes, at 2209 Vinton Street, Omaha, Nebr., who can give you this information . . . . Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa, and your news must be in our hands by the 6th of each month . . . . Buddy Gomer, former St. Paul middleweight, was recently married to Miss Viola Russell of Wisconsin . . . . Gomer is now a salesman for the Rath Packing Co. of St. Louis. Thanks to Jack Kerr of Waterloo, Ia., for this information . . . . To L. C. at Fort Dodge, Ia. My records show that "Jabber" Young beat Archie Amons, 10 rounds at Clinton, Ia., and the date was April 25th, 1922 . . . . On the same card Tim Hurst won over Walter Moody.

Manager Champ Thomas has moved his Denver boxers to Omaha. Joe Danos and Corky Gonzales are now calling Omaha their home . . . . Omaha boxers are now working out in the Social Settlement gym on Omaha's south side. They have been without quarters for some time.

According to Murray Rose of the Associated Press, Chickie Bogad, matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, told him that "Foster can come here anytime he wants and I will give him work in the Garden." He was speaking of Vince Foster, Omaha welterweight, now being managed by Jack Hurley of Chicago.

The body of Pfc. Donald G. Pershing, of Sergeant Bluff, Ia., arrived in Sioux City from Iwo Jima, where he was killed in action. A graveside military service was held in Memorial Park cemetery. Pfc. Pershing was the son of Sailor Burke, well known Sioux City boxer, manager and promoter.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

PAT McCAFFERTY, Kansas' light-heavyweight sensation who continues to climb the fistic ladder, was handed another verbal Oscar, when world's light-heavyweight champion, Gus Lesnevich, said, "McCafferty is by far the best prospect I have met on my exhibition tour and I expect Eastern boxing fans will be seeing him before long."

The Golden Champion from Cliffside Park, N. J., should know, having boxed with the handsome Irish youth in Omaha, Wichita and Topeka in exhibitions which drew capacity crowds. Freddie Fierro, Gus' trainer, was very excited about McCafferty, who is nearly a dead ringer for handsome Billy Conn.

Before a record breaking crowd at the Wichita Forum, Joe Danos, the hard belting Denver middleweight, managed by Champ Thomas scored a sixth round TKO over Jimmy Watson of Omaha in the main event. Referee Eddie Zongker halted the contest when Watson sustained a badly cut eye in a ring brawl that had the fans on their feet all the way.

In the semi-final, Wichita's lightweight kayo artist, Ernie DeFrance, got off the deck to flatten Denver's Pat O'Leary in the second canto. Marvin Smith, ex-Golden Glove featherweight sensation, stopped Pauli Martinez, Omaha, in the third. Leonard Neal decisioned Claude Sullard, another Wichita welterweight, in four. The added attraction saw Gus Lesnevich box four rounds, two with Pat McCafferty, Topeka, and two with Larry Watson, Omaha.

Savage counter-punching and a rapid-fire finish earned Wayne Strobridge, Colorado Springs' Fancy Dan, a decision over Kenny "Red" Barton, Ark City middleweight, in a sizzling eight rounder before a good crowd at Topeka's Municipal Auditorium.

Highlight of the fistic show featured four rounds of exhibition boxing by Gus Lesnevich. The light-heavyweight champ divided his workout equally between handsome Pat McCafferty and Larry Watson, Omaha dusky. In the semi-final Ray Augustus, 176, Topeka, decisioned Frankie Major, 172, Detroit, five. Gene Brown, 147, Omaha, kayoed Bill Sudduth, 147, in the second. Russ Moore, 132, Kansas City, outpointed Jackie Wilson, 133, Topeka, in four.

Pistol Pat McCafferty notched the 48th victory in a 51 fight professional career with an impressive fourth round knockout of Indianapolis Negro, Billy Davis, before 3,000 fans at Topeka's million and a half dollar Municipal Auditorium. McCafferty weathered half a dozen hard punches to the head early, then flattened Davis for a seven count in the first and a nine count in the third. The fourth ended suddenly when McCafferty planted a left in Davis' midsection.

The semi-final saw Russ Moore, 131, Kansas City, win a split six round decision over Ernie DeFrance, 131, Wichita. Marvin Smith, 128, Wichita, scored a TKO over Joe Kelly, 130, Little Rock, Ark., in three. Claude Sullard, 147, Wichita, decisioned Chief Crazy Horse, 152, Rosebud, S. D. Bill Sudduth, 146, Topeka, decisioned Leonard Neal, 146, Wichita, in four.

An exasperated Pat McCafferty, 169, Topeka, spent ten fruitless rounds trying to clout an overly-cautious Lou King, 165, Chicago, on the jaw, but received an "A" for effort for his evening's work and a unanimous decision over the Chicagoan before a large crowd at Wichita in the Forum. The Irish youth, in sharp contrast, tried to make a battle of it, but was hampered more than a little by his opponent's clinching, grabbing tactics. In the semi final Kenny "Red" Barton, 159, Ark City won a six round decision over Charlie Green, 161, Omaha, but it was a slam-bang scrap all the way.

The special event sow Ernie DeFrance, 133, Wichita, decision Edmund Carr, 139, Kansas City, in five. Chief Crazy Horse, 150, Sioux Indian, Rosebud, S. D., decisioned Leonard Neal, 147, Wichita, in four. Marvin Smith, 128, Wichita knockout artist, stopped Jesse Watson, 128, Omaha, in the third.

The death of Jackie Darthard, world's fifth ranking middleweight, saddened the entire Midwest and those in the game who knew this clean living youth from Kansas City. Darthard slumped from his stool at Milwaukee in a bout with Bert Lytell unconscious and was rushed to a local hospital, where he never regained consciousness. The eight ounce gloves are now being used in Kansas for boxers in all weights and extra heavy padding has been installed under the canvas. Let's hope that boxing does not have any more accidents.

The writer promotes semi-monthly shows at Wichita and Topeka, managers and fighters may write to Max Yeargain, 704 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

COVERING CUBA

By DR. J. A. VIEITES

AT Manzanillo, Julio Pedroso, 147, making a comeback attempt, was lucky to get a draw verdict in ten rounds with newcomer. Jose Olivera.

At Havana, Mateo Sobrado scored a spectacular K.O. in six over Francisco Cifuentes. (Middleweights.) The same day at Moron, Damaso Collazo scored a good win on points in ten rounds over Benito Castillo. (Lightweights.)

At Moron, Luis Fuentes, 112, flyweight champion of Cuba, scored the most sensational win of his short pro-career, easily defeating Black Pico, 111¾, in a titular bout of 12 rounds.

Fuentes, whose only defect is the lack of a punch, makes up with his ample variation of blows and his great speed. His style is similar to Luis Galvani's. Fuentes won the Cuban flyweight title in his fifth pro fight, and since winning the title, is improving with every start. Watch this lad.

FACTS AND RUMORS: With his sensational win over Black Pico, Luis Fuentes proved to be entitled to his No. 9 world flyweight rating in THE RING . . . . Local promoters will offer the return bout, Fuentes and Tomas Vega, and instead of pitting Pico vs. Monito Flores, Luis Fuentes will take his place . . . . The Boxing Hospital fund, with an all-star card in the New Stadium, will be headed by the Jimmy Bivins-Onelio Agramonte bout . . . . This card also includes: Luis Fuentes vs. Tomas Vega (title bout), Armando Puenti Pi vs. Jorge Sanchez, and Humberto Sierra vs. Orlando Zulueta . . . . Zulueta arrived last week from Venezuela, where he split two verdicts with Oscar Calles . . . . Gavilan Kid, Cuba's ace welterweight rated the No. 1 contender in THE RING, beat Tommy Bell in Philadelphia last month . . . . Sandy Saddler is coming back to fight Wilfredo Mayet . . . . Luis Godoy sold Miguel Acevedo's contract to Patsy Suarez.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

SENOR ALFREDO LAGAY, a gay young blade from South America, won an easy ten round decision over the third ranking heavyweight, Tommy Gomez, in one of boxing's biggest upsets of the year. And Lagay had the nerve to do it before Tommy's home towners, in Tampa. The winner's margin was as sweeping as Tampa to the Argentine. Our score card gave Alfredo eight rounds, with one for Gomez, and one even.

Over four thousand saw Lagay give their hard-punching hero a neat boxing lesson. Gomez went down twice from punches that caught him off-balance. The opening heat scored evenly, and Gomez took the second with head blows that shook up Lagay but he failed to follow up his advantage. The South American, boxing cautiously, made his bid in the third and from there on swept Gomez before him to take eight straight rounds.

The under-card was sweeter than honey, especially the Johnny Dupree-Johnny Black eight round semi. Dupree got the duke. This was a rematch and topped their first one. Our score favored a draw but it's the official's tab that counts. Dupree tipped 178, and Black, 170.

In a six rounder, Tampa's Blondy Baggett had to come from behind to take the last round from Joe Legon II in a lightweight mixer that wowed the fans. Manny Gomez, 153 pound Tampan, won an easy sixer from Buddy Webster, 155. Another good sixer has Gregorio Perez, 135, and lightweight Jimmy Maddox battle it out to a draw. Several amateur bouts opened the card and a bright prospect was seen in Pee Wee Burgess, 115, of MacDill Field who kayoed game Ray Lambert in three. Chief Orange and Subino Rubio drew in their match. Billy Pappas stopped Pat Bailey in round two. Lou Viscusi promoted.

At Macon, Ga.—A close but unanimous decision went to Al Reid, 148 pound South Carolinian, over Gus Aldridge, 152 pound Macon mauler, in a ten rounder before a crowd of 1700 fans. It was Reid's ninth and tenth round rallies that gave him the fight. The winning fighter also decked his man in the third.

Kid McCoy, 138, Macon, won a close fight from Sammy Reid, Al's kid brother, in another good tussle. Sammy, at 144, ended well but McCoy's blows looked better and this gave him the award in the six rounds.

Sonny Jones, 124, Macon, and Wild Bill (KO-One Punch) Hodges, Atlanta, two Negro battlers, slammed and whammed away at each other in an exciting battle and Jones came out the best man here with a six round kayo. First, Hodges would fire away, then Jones came in for his turn and it went like this until the end. Dan Allen, 144, Fort Benning, landed a right on Billy Dixon, 143, to end hostilities in the fifth. Tony Toomer, 162, beat Ennis Watkins, Jr., in a Negro four round bout. David Ingram, 153, won from Roger Williams, 152, in a four heater.

It's a sure good thing to hear from our sidekick, Dick Lee, the Miami welterweight boxer now in Campbell, California, where he is taking the fight game seriously and has hopes to compete against California's best shortly.

Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., long affiliated in Florida boxing, makes his promotional comeback at the Coral Gables Coliseum with popular-price shows for the summer months and an occasional big show. He will be assisted by Tommy DeTardo, who managed Humberto Sierra and others but has now sold his stable to co-promote.

Coral Gables—Co-Promoters W. H. (Major) Peeples, Jr., and Tommy DeTardo put on their first show with lanky Gene Smith and Forrest (Fist) Devers mixing it in the eight round main event. Smith won the duke with a big start and good finish. He weighed 148 to Devers' 154. A six rounder that did not go that far but still was won by a decision call went to Ralph Kaplan. Kaplan was fighting Gene Tudor and in the fourth round both boys got tangled in the ropes. Kaplan fell to the canvas with a strained back and since this was not a knockdown, he was given the decision in four rounds after the medico said he could not continue. Ralph was slightly ahead at the incident. Both welters.

Jimmy Maddox took a six rounder from Bill DeVrjes in a lightie duel. Snooks Howard won a six heater from Ernest Nogues, also lightweights. Brady Winfield won a four round bantamweight clash from Frankie Neal. In a Negro bout, Johnny Harris kayoed Grady Whitfield in the first heat.

At St. Petersburg—The feature of this card was to have been Tommy Gomez, high ranking heavyweight contender from Tampa, in two exhibition bouts with Johnny Black and Johnny Dupree, two rounds each. As far as the crowd goes, the top spot of the evening was the Blondy Baggett-Indian Jimmy Maddox lightweight go, highlighted by Baggett's performance against the Oklahoma hard-rock. Blondy won the contest more than handily and was hardly touched by his foe. Blondy stole the show from Gomez.

Battling Oscar, of Tampa, beat Oscar Neil in the opener. Don Deodati, St. Pete, opened his career with a four round win over Gene Tudor, Tampa. Chief Red Wing, Oklahoma welter, beat Joe Legon II. Pee Wee Carson, Cincinnati, 115, and Rocky Meade, 120, Tampa, were to have gone four rounds but went three with no decision being made as Carson butted Meade above the left eye that called for three stitches.

Swell to hear in Don Hamill's Connecticut Ring reports of the good work of Davey (Little David) Seabrook, a neat Negro lightweight from Jacksonville. In conjunction with me, Johnny Datro, of Hartford, is co-managing Seabrook, and Jacksonville fans wish Davey the best in success. To date, his best win is that over Henry Polowitzer in a sweet tussle.

Sam Weinstein lost out to the City of Miami Boxing Commission in their heated battle and has quit promoting in the Magic City. Thus leaving Dave White with the only boxing show there, while a little distance off in Coral Gables, there are Major W. H. Peeples, Jr. and Tommy DeTardo co-promoting.

At Miami—Choforo Martinez, 144 pounder, won a ten round decision over Chico Pacheco, of Brazil, in the main event.

Another ten spot between Irish Tommy Mack and Romeo Ouimet, of Canada resulted in a draw. Both welters.

Middleweights Billy Spangler and Angel Chavez fought six heats to a draw; and featherweights Auggie Yarratt and Jimmy Bruton tangled in another sixer with Yarratt winning the duke.

Dan McKenzie, one of the American Fifth Army boxing trainers, probably the best of teams in this past World War, and Mrs. McKenzie now have a complete home since their little addition, Barbara Joyce, arrived in April. We know Dan's service buddies will be glad to read this.

At Asheville—Jumping Joe Green, Negro middleweight prospect from this city, achieved his best piece of work to date by settling the issue with Emory (Jabbing Foots) Jackson, veteran Atlanta boxer. Having won a most unpopular decision over Jackson some weeks ago, Green left little in the minds of Asheville fans in this second tiff by scoring a knockout in the sixth round. Green still remains undefeated in 17 pro bouts, of which 8 are knockouts. Jimmy Hughes, Charlotte middleweight, kayoed veteran Hal Glymph, 154, Atlanta, in two. Benny Johnson, 128, Atlanta, beat Hoy Cuthbertson, 132, in six. Earl Nelson, 150, beat Eddie Harrell, 142, in four, and a four rounder went to El Shelton, 149, over Harold Johnston, 146, of Asheville.

At Miami—Johnny Suarez, 139, knocked out Baby Chino, 136, in one.

Surviving three knockdowns, Clyde Gordon came back up to win a four round TKO over Irish Tommy Mack, when the doctor ordered the fight to be stopped when Mack received a cut eye. Both are welters. Angel Chavez won a six rounder from Forrest (Fist) Dever. He weighed 156, and Dever, 150. In another sixer Snooks Howard won over Jake Smith. Both lightweights.

At Coral Gables—Gene Smith, 149½, worked out of a tough situation in his battle with Irish Johnny Kilday, 150, of Jacksonville, and won the eight round main event by a rally in the last five rounds. Kilday took the first, second and third rounds and had Smith backing away. The latter came to life from the fourth on and used effective head and body blows.

Jimmy O'Quinn, Jacksonville welter, scored a 30 second kayo in the first heat over Snooks Howard for a big upset. Bernard Nealy, 135, stopped Willie Dell, 136, in the third round of a Negro bout. Honey Boy Williams, 140, kayoed Harold Winn, 148, in the second of another Negro bout. Jake Smith, 138, kayoed Chick Mosely in the second. Dominick Scaccia, 162, kayoed Joe Thompson, 160, in the first. Fist Dever, 155, kayoed Sonny Hope, 149, in the second.

At Coral Gables—Billy Spangler and Fist Dever put on a lively eight round main event for the customers in their middleweight match with Spangler surprising by taking the nod with a late rally.

Romeo Ouimet, Canadian welter, was too good for Jimmy O'Quinn, Jacksonville, and won a kayo in three. Jake Smith bested Gregorio Perez in a sixer. Both lightweights. Honey Boy Williams, 134, kayoed Ray Louis, 134, in the fourth round of a Negro scrap. Another Negro match saw Bill Ferguson, 168, beat Joe Oden, 178, in a four rounder. Bill DeVries, 141, won a four spot from Freddie Fernandez, 142. Phil Kaplan, 208 pounder, made his pro ring debut by winning over Jackie Lynn, 178, in a four round match.

At West Palm Beach—Featherweights Orlando Fernandez of Tampa and Jimmy Callura fought the season's last headliner here to a ten round draw. Billy Lima, 120, stopped Jimmy Bruton, 124, in the fifth of their encounter.

At Charlotte, N. C.—During February and March, Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, battled Big Bill Wilson in two ten rounders here. Scott lost the first by a ten round decision and came out even in the next tilt.

At Charlotte, N. C.—Big Bill Wilson, 213, from Hickory, N. C., added the name of Gunnar Barlund to his comeback list. Wilson beat his 206 pound Finnish opponent in ten. Barlund was given only one round by all three officials while votes alternated Wilson as winning from four to six of the ten heats. Cuts were opened on both fighters.

The best scrap on the card was the Al Reid-Rut Snyder banger. Reid, at 151, scored a surprise win over his 141 pound foe in 6.

In other bouts, Joe Lassiter beat Doc Campbell in six. The loser weighed 149 and the winner 152. A four rounder had Maxie Maxwell kayoing Harold Beedix in the second. Both heavyweights. In a Negro bout, Odell (Killer) Rhyne defeated Jimmy Witherspoon in a lightweight 4.

At Macon, Ga.—The two leather-slinging brothers from Greenwood, S. C., Al and Sammy Reid, made it a double victory with a kayo by Al over Ray Hake, of Tampa in the second round, and Sammy winning a decision over Larry Lynn. Al is a 151 pounder and Sammy a welterweight.

At Hendersonville, N. C.—Again the Reid brothers scored. Al won over Teet Montooth in a ten rounder and Sammy decisioned Freddie Masters.

At Gastonia, N. C.—Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight boxer, won a ten round decision over Carlyle Thompson.

Best Prospect—Jumping Joe Green, a clouting middleweight from Asheville, N. C., who has 17 straight wins, 8 by kayoes, against no losses.

At Orlando—Buddy Scott, on the comeback after being kayoed by Tommy Gomez, fought his fifth scrap to date, making it win number three while losing once and getting a draw in another. Scott was too much for Johnny O'Brien in a bout here and won a three round TKO, in a weird setting. You couldn't make heads out of tails with the write-up sent us, so details are not proper.

Joey Wasnick got a TKO triumph over Lew Williams but the round is not given. Both lighties. Harold Johnson, Jacksonville middleweight, threw a right uppercut for his victory punch and TKO'ed Hal Patterson in the first round. Best scrap of the night was the Johnny Carollo and Johnny Johnson four rounder. Carollo, of Orlando, beat the Jacksonville lad in a lively affair.

At Miami—Johnny Suarez, 139, and Chief Gordon House, 137, fought to a ten round draw in the main event. Choforo Martinez won a ten rounder from Chico Pacheco in a welterweight match. Angel Chavez, middleweight, copped a six round decision over Billy Decker, welterweight. Auggie Yarratt TKO'ed Johnny Weiland in the third of a featherweight match. In a middleweight go, Phil Saad received a three round TKO over Roland Munsalm.

At Hendersonville, N. C.—Bill Cassaway, middleweight from Charleston, W. Va., knocked out Johnny Taylor, of Asheville, N. C.

At Asheville, N. C.—Again, Bill Cassaway, West Virginia middleweight, turned back Johnny Taylor and by the same method, a knockout. The end came in the second.

Don Bowman, 121, gave Don Smith, 123, a hard time and won rather easily in an eight rounder. Doc Campbell won a middleweight six from Ron Harper. Norman Gibson, 121, kayoed Bob Thompson, 125, in one. Earl Nelson, 145, KO'ed Guy Atkins in 1.

At Sarasota—The less said about the season's final ring show the better. Only one bout could be termed a fight and that was between Ray Hake and Larry Lynn. They fought hard for six rounds and Hake won this slugging contest, a welterweight affair.

The rest of the card were mismatches. In the main bout, Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, came into the ring with a tightly bound left knee. Evans threw one punch in the second and it was ten minutes before Jimmy Masters came to. Joey Raymond kayoed Roy Diaz. The clipping sent in by Larry Lynn stated how mismatches have happened too often in Sarasota. Along that same line is another statement about fighters not putting in an appearance, therefore substitutions. That's why they brought Ray Jackson in place of Joe Stanglier for Ralph Hughes. Hughes, says the clipping, threw the only blow in the first round, almost at the end, and then finished Ray early in the second. That's all for Sarasota until the next season.

To—Miss Joan Kronewitter and Miss Ruth Ellen Gatlin, Mishawaka, Indiana: Your messages relayed to Featherweight Champion Willie Pep and Manager Lou Viscusi, also to Tampa lightweight Blondy Baggett and Manager Tony Cancella. All send their finest thanks. More feminine fight fans are needed in boxing.

Boxing promoters and matchmakers and publicity men in Dixie—send in your news and results for publication in THE RING to this here corner and same will be gladly used. Address: Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth St., Jacksonville, Florida. Phone 4-4526. Fighters unattached can do well by contacting this writer. All letters for

information, etc., are gladly answered. But please enclose stamp for reply.

Wade Chancey, Jacksonville heavyweight, boxing in Northern rings, knocked out Howard Berger in two. He is being handled by Frankie Genaro, former flyweight champion of the world.

Jabs and Jolts from Jacksonville—Carl Sivers, local ace of some years ago, is on the comeback trail and to date has three fights under his belt. He won a ten rounder over Joey Monteiro Costa for his first. His next was a close ten rounder over Baby Joe Diaz, of Tampa, at Jacksonville. On this same card, Jimmy Maddox beat Jimmy O'Quinn in four. Tommy Peavie kayoed Larry Blakeman in 1. Andy Miller beat Tommy Lang in 4. Chick Mosely drew in 4 with Bill Sellers. Jack Brazil beat Raul Morán in a middleweight four.

Maxie (Boogieman) Coleman, another "comebacker," was on the losing end of an eight rounder to Joey Wasnick, of New Haven in the main event.

Billy Dixon, Macon, beat W. H. Bennett, local boy, in a sixer. Kid McCoy, Macon, beat Jimmy O'Quinn, local, in a four. Mickey Dunn beat Lew Williams in four. Damon Nolan TKO'ed Eddie Outlaw in 3, and a Negro bout saw Johnny Gice kayo Al Turner in 2.

A return match between Jack Brazil, of Jacksonville and Raul Moran, of Tampa and Havana went to Brazil in a ten round contest. Joe Legon II, of Tampa, beat Lew Williams, local, in the semi four. Walter Alvarez, local, TKO'ed Maxie Chitty in the third. Tommy Peavie upset Mickey Dunn in a four. Johnny Walker TKO'ed Billy Sellers in a couple. Herman Harris TKO'ed Johnny Gice in a Negro bout going three rounds.

Joey Dunne, local boxer, scored a big upset by taking Carl Sivers for a ten round win. Both welters.

Jackie Blount, another favorite, returned to the ring and TKO'ed Tommy Peavie in three. Both lightweights. Walter Alvarez beat Maxie Chitty in a four. Al Hayes drew in four with Dick Esterbrook. A Negro four saw Herman Harris beat Eugene Brown.

Joey Wasnick and Maxie Coleman put on a sensational ten round rough-houser with Wasnick winning in excellent fashion by virtue of a last round splurge. Jack Brazil scored in four over veteran Buster Carroll. Tommy Peavie TKO'ed Calvin Thomas in three. Kayo Brennan TKO'ed Damon Nolan in two. Tom Thompson decisioned Al Hays in four. Walter Alvarez TKO'ed Billy Sellers in two.

Joey Dunne's sole defeat during his last 19 starts came from the hands of Vic Cardell, busy Hartford welterweight, who, like his stablemate Carey Mace, proved a big welcome card to Jacksonville fight fans. Dunne lost the ten round duke but put up a creditable showing. The loser has three draw verdicts and one loss and the rest are wins since he made his comeback which started at this writer's booking . . . . Johnny Carroll, Irish Johnny Kilday, Dunne, Sivers, Blondy Baggett, Baby Joe Diaz, Jack Brazil, Maxie Coleman, Joey Wasnick do most of the local headlining. Carroll and Kilday are grudging and will be a hot match, and same for Dunne and Sivers rematch . . . . Fight trainer Pete Leto is hoping to make a good fighter out of a former New Yorker, Georgie Webber, in the heavyweight field just as he helped with Tommy Gomez. Webber boxed while he was a soldier, having one fight and winning by a kayo and Leto is confident about Georgie . . . . As a whole, boxing in Florida is at its lowest ebb.

Our boxing program over radio station WOBS (dial 1360 in this area) has hit well with listeners . . . . among the Jaxons who trekked to Tampa to see Alfredo Lagay spank Tommy Gomez were Jake Bloom, Harry Cranman, Pete Leto and yours truly and all believe Gomez will better himself in the return clash if he is faithful in training.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

BERT LINAM, 145¾, Austin, Tex., welterweight, made it four straight here when he scored a two round knockout over Carey Mace, 149¾, Hartford, Conn., stablemate of champion Willie Pep and managed by Lou Viscusi, who seconded Mace.

Linam and Mace appeared in the first open air show staged by promoter Heard Ragas and matchmaker Lew Raymond at Franklin Stadium, the former home of the Jax girls softball team. Mace lacked the ring experience to cope with the strong Linam.

2263 fans paid a net gate of $3297.

Anthony Arnone, New Orleans lightweight, decisioned Dan Stepanovich, Austin, Tex., in an eight rounder. Eugene Smith, Youngstown, O., welterweight, won a ten round decision over Hosea Rocha, Mexico, in the semifinal. In the opening four rounder, Harry Caminita, New Orleans, decisioned Cerio Zurita, Mexico. They are featherweights.

HEAVYWEIGHT FACTS AND FIGURES

The largest paid attendance—Gene Tunney vs. Jack Dempsey, Soldiers' Field, Chicago, September 22, 1927—Gate —$2,658,660.

The largest earnings for any one fight—Gene Tunney—for his bout with Jack Dempsey in Chicago—$990,445.

The largest amount lost in a heavyweight title fight by a promoter—Tunney vs. Heeney battle—Loss was $152,750 on a gross of $691,014.

Last bare-knuckle championship heavyweight fight—Jake Kilrain vs. John L. Sullivan at Richburg, Miss., July 8, 1889. Sullivan stopped Kilrain in the 75th round.

One round knockouts in heavyweight title bouts—by Joe Louis:
June 22, 1938—vs. Max Schmeling, New York City; Time 2.04
April 17, 1939—vs. Jack Roper, Los Angeles; Time 2.20
January 25, 1939—vs. John Henry Lewis, New York City; Time 2.29
January 9, 1942—vs. Buddy Baer, New York City; Time 2.56
September 18, 1946—vs. Tami Mauriello, New York City; Time 2.09

The Tallest Heavyweight champion—Jess Willard—6 feet 6 inches.

Only fighter to win a world heavyweight title on a foul—Max Schmeling in bout with Jack Sharkey—June 12, 1930, at Polo Grounds.

First International Heavyweight championship fight—John C. Heenan of America vs. Tom Sayers of England at Farnborough, Eng., April 17, 1860—37 rounds draw. Fought five extra rounds without a referee.

Record time for a knockout in a world heavyweight title bout—Tommy Burns stopped Jem Roche in Dublin, Ireland, March 17, 1908—Time 1.28.

Second fastest time for a knockout in a heavyweight championship fight—Scored by Joe Louis in his fight with Max Schmeling, June 22, 1938. Yankee Stadium—Time 2.04.

Famous Holiday heavyweight championship battles—Tommy Burns knocked out Bill Squires, one round, Colma, Cal., July 4, 1907. Jack Johnson knocked out Jim Jeffries, 15 rounds, Reno, Nev., July 4, 1910. Jack Johnson beat Jim Flynn, 9 rounds, Las Vegas, New Mexico, July 4, 1912. Police stopped bout. Jack Dempsey stopped Jess Willard, 3 rounds, Toledo, O., July 4, 1919. Jack Dempsey won from Tom Gibbons, 15 rounds, Shelby, Mont., July 4, 1923.

First Million Dollar Gate—George Carpentier vs. Jack Dempsey, Boyle's Thirty Acres, N. J., July 2, 1921. Carpentier knocked out in the fourth round.

The first ex-heavyweight champion and first challenger to box twice for the crown—James J. Corbett.

First Negro boxer to fight another of his race for the world heavyweight crown — Battling Jim Johnson who fought Jack Johnson in Paris in 1913.

First heavyweight champion to receive his start as a boxer in the amateur ranks—James J. Corbett.

First barnstorming heavyweight champion—John L. Sullivan.

First champion to enter the movies—James J. Corbett.

First heavyweight champion to box on foreign soil after Sullivan's defeat by Corbett—Tommy Burns.

First heavyweight championship bout to be filmed for general display to the public—Fitzsimmons vs. Corbett, Carson City, Nevada, March 17, 1897.

Buddy Garcia, 22 year old Galveston, Tex., junior welterweight, decisioned Chester Rico, New York, in ten gruelling rounds topping promoter Louis Messina's well balanced fistic card at air-conditioned Municipal Auditorium. Garcia was making his fistic debut locally.

Managed by Eddie Walker, one of the nation's best known pilots, who handled Chalky Wright, former featherweight champion, Garcia made a big hit here. He outfought the cagey Rico on the inside to win the decision.

Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., won a five round decision over Ray Ramon, San Antonio, Tex., lightweight. "Red" Holt, New Orleans featherweight, battled to a five round draw with Bobby Garza, San Antonio, Tex. Lawton DiSoso, New Orleans 128 pounder, decisioned Tony Bravo, San Antonio, Tex., in a four rounder. Bubba Whatley, heavyweight, stopped Bucky Walters in the second round of a four spot.

2796 fans paid a net gate of $4556.09 to witness Messina's fistic presentation.

Bobby McQuillar, Port Huron, Mich., Negro lightweight, won a decisive ten round victory over Joe Brown, New Orleans 135 pounder, in the feature ten round attraction of promoter Louis Messina's all-Negro fistic card staged at Pelican Stadium.

Bobby won seven of the ten rounds from Brown.

The Wolverine state lightweight managed by Ralph Sharp and trained by the famous Larry Amadee, local Negro trainer, has become a favorite locally.

Melvin Bartholomew, New Orleans Negro welterweight, failed to put in his appearance for his eight round battle with Junius West and was indefinitely suspended by the Louisiana Athletic Commission, a member of the NBA.

Bartholomew has pulled the same trick in various parts of the country.

2488 fans paid a net gate of $2481.06.

Pat Donahue, New Orleans middleweight, decisioned Frankie Abrams, Detroit, Mich., in a ten round bout at the Coliseum arena. The battle was staged by Heard Ragas and Lew Raymond.

Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Tex., stopped Herbert Mueller, New Orleans, in the first round of a five rounder. Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, engaged in a five round draw with Danny Stepanovich, Texas. Lawton DiSoso, New Orleans, stopped "Tiger" Rodrigues in the third round of another five. "Red" Holt stopped Charley Flint, in the second round of their four spot.

1844 fans paid a net gate of $2726.01.

Louis "Whitey" Berlier, New Orleans heavyweight, gained national recognition by losing a ten round decision to the highly ranking Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O., at Houston, Tex. Berlier now takes the game seriously and is a tough heavyweight who figures to extend any of the topnotchers. He is managed by Charley Rodriguez and will soon appear in feature tens here against topnotch opposition.

Promoter Jim Murtagh has moved his mat shows outdoors from the Coliseum arena to the Franklin Stadium. Rumors have it that the Coliseum arena has been sold and that a factory will take possession of the famous and historic boxing center. That is the reason Ragas rebuilt Franklin Stadium for outdoors fights and wrestling.

Fistic pot shots—Luther Burgess, Detroit, Mich., Negro featherweight, who floored and decisioned Jock Leslie, at Flint, Mich., to win the Michigan featherweight title, is a comer. He stopped local Pat Flowers in his only appearance here. Ashton Donzia still stands out as the foremost third man in Dixie rings. Marty Burke, New Orleans former heavyweight contender, close pal of the famous Jack Dempsey, was injured in an automobile accident, May 10. Burke is on the way to recovery. Burke's new car was completely demolished. The big affable, good hearted Irishman had a narrow escape. Harry Caminita is one of the best young prospects in these parts. He is managed by Tony Foto. Jerome Conforto's 213 Canal Street gymnasium, the only professional one in the city, is packed daily. Conforto managed Billy Kilgore, Birmingham, Ala., middleweight, and Gene Bonner, Morgan City, La., heavyweight. This writer can be contacted at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

A BLIND man, if told who the cheering was for, would have surmised that Nick Moran was beating Bernard Docusen in their 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. A packed gallery of partisan fans screamed every time Moran landed a blow, but remained very quiet when their favorite was on the receiving end. However, seeing the action belied what the noisy demonstration would indicate, the flashy Filipino really winning by a wide margin.

Moran, a 1-to-10 underdog in the betting, did make it tough on Docusen, and the Wizards of Odds, for a few rounds, due to Bernard being razzed into slugging with the Mexican. But once his handlers' admonition that "discretion is the better part of valor" sunk in, the Duke reverted to his fistic finesse and the bout changed from a punching spree to a teacher-versus-pupil affair.

Encouraged by rocking Docusen with an overhanded right in the second, Moran waged a right-hand offensive in the third and fourth heats that netted him an even break in both rounds. Nick brought the crowd to their feet with a furious attack in the fifth, rocking Bernard with rights and forcing him to retreat. It was the only round won by Moran and the last one in which he proved formidable, the blistering pace having sapped his strength.

The Duke started moving around and stabbing with his left in the sixth and there was no more cheering in the gallery for the rest of the night. Docusen was credited with seven of the rounds and the decision was unanimous. Each weighed 145.

In the semi, Gil Mojica, 167, nailed Jimmy Coleman, 165, with a hard right to the jaw early in the opening round and never allowed his victim to shake off the effects of it. Mojica twice floored Coleman and pounded him unmercifully for a full minute before the go was halted.

Other results: Tommy Vargas, 135, won by the cut-eye route over Jose Luis, 134, two; Eddie Seale, 157, decisioned Bruce Richardson, 152, four; Benny Black, 150, proved both a better fighter and a better clown than Freddie Garcia, 152, four; Benny Chavez, 119, beat Pepe Gonzales, 123, four.

Staging a furious rally in the final three rounds, Lauro Salas, 127, Mexico, pounded out a split decision over Pee Wee Swingler, Youngstown, Ohio, Negro, in a torrid ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Swingler was in the lead at the end of the seventh, but the fiery Mexican fought like a wounded beast to win the late rounds. Lauro belted Swingler all over the ring in the ninth, but even so, the go ended a close one.

In supporting bouts all four-rounders, Joey Hartfield, 165, Omaha, decisioned Cleve Kelly, 159; Jerry Slavin, 153, Minneapolis, stopped Ted Coleman, 154, in the fourth; Sid Hitchens, 128, bested Trini Perez, 129; Henry Yeargin, 151, T.K.O.'ed Tag Mayfield, 154, in the first heat.

When Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill., Negro, climbed in the Hollywood Stadium ring, I rubbed my eyes and took a second look. I had seen Campbell before (did a bit of raving over him in this column months ago), but it was hard to believe that he was performing in the Hollywood ring, as he is really a good fighter, which made this a very rare occasion.

Arturo Barron, Los Angeles Mexican, was opposing Campbell. Barron punches hard and is a gamester, but not in the same class with this Negro boxer. At long range, Tommy's left jabs had Arturo's head bobbing like an assistant-director. At infighting, Campbell played lively tunes on the Mexican's organs with digging hooks into the body.

The setto was halted in the fifth round when Barron had become groggy from smashing rights to the jaw. Some thought that Referee Benny Whitman was hasty in ruling Arturo out, but the affair had become terribly one-sided and Barron had already receipted for much punishment. Campbell weighed 135, Barron 139.

In the semi, Joey Hartfield, 165, Omaha Negro, won easily over Ray Dioses, 158, in six unexciting rounds. Dioses displayed little fighting spirit and tired badly.

In four-rounders, Billy Lee, 157, decisioned Cleve Kelly, 160; Pat Quinn, 123, whipped Benny Chavez, 121; George Kolarick, 152, stopped Henry Yeargin, 149, in the third; Tommy Vargas, 135, nodded Butch Maxwell, 132.

Rusty Payne, Negro chloroformer of San Diego, proved too much of an assignment for Willie Bean, young Negro giant of Los Angeles, in a scheduled ten-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum. Bean won the third heat with a body attack and bothered Payne throughout with a left jab, but when Willie elected to slug with Rusty in the sixth, that was that!

Payne floored Bean for eight in the first with a right to the jaw and decked him for nine in the fourth with the same punch. Rusty closed Willie's left eye in the fifth and ended the fight with a left hook to Bean's head in the sixth.

In supporting bouts Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, nodded Tommy Vargas, six; Rudy Vasquez, Glendale, defeated Roberto Galvan, six; Jay Caldwell, Los Angeles, bested Billy (Paul) Sweet, four; Freddy Herrera, Los Angeles, stopped Joe Rodriguez, three.

The feudin', fussin', and fightin' between Carlos Chavez and Harold Dade is at an end. Chavez copped the laurels in their third clash at the Los Angeles Olympic, and this time, decisively. This setto was not the fast and furious affair of their previous scraps, neither performing to the best of his ability. It was Dade's poorest fight to date. He lacked his usual speed, cagey maneuvers and fiery spirit.

Dade, heretofore catlike in his footwork, a fox in strategy and an artful dodger at defence, on this night shuffled in flat-footed, allowed himself to be tied up and merely covered crudely when Carlos put on his flurries. And Harold seldom punched for the midsection, as in other contests. It was Chavez who did the body belting in this one.

Starting slowly, they engaged in some hot exchanges in the mid-rounds, but slowed down again in the closing heats. It was in the seventh and eighth rounds that Chavez piled up his advantage. Carlos belted Dade all over the ring. Harold's knees buckled numerous times and it appeared that he was to go down, but the little Negro is a gamester and he walked right back in for more. Chavez weighed 130, Dade 125.

In the semi, Lem Thomas, 135, Chicago Negro, finished fast to win a split six-round decision over Eddie Landers, 134, Jewish veteran, also of the Windy City.

In the prelims Butch Maxwell, 134, Gary, Ind., decisioned Ronald Cannon, 134, Seattle, in four; Dave Mendoza, 132, Long Beach, won by a T.K.O. over Frank Muche, 130, Niles, O., in the second round, due to an eye cut; Babe Huerta, 142, defeated Wade Evans, 140, in four; Johnny Turner, 138, nodded Ray Sandoval, 136, in the opener.

For his main event debut, Glen Flanagan, 125, St. Paul cutie, was fed Whistling Willie Roache, 128, Negro veteran of Wilmington, Del., in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Flanagan kept Roache at bay with a left jab and easily avoided Willie's wild swings. Of course, Flanagan received the nod, which is probably best, for, having his glove raised might have proved too much of a shock for the Whistler.

Other results: Ossie Biggie, 118, was awarded a T.K.O. victory over Pat Quinn, 123, when the latter received a badly cut mouth in the second heat; Richard Finley, 170, decisioned Willie McCoy, 181, in four; Art Brown, 159, nodded Tito Garcia, 157, in a four; Louis Jamerson, 131, outpointed Ruben Garcia, 132; Pepin Gonzales, 126, beat Eddie Reta, 124.

One of the shameful practises of our boxing game is using these punched-out fighters to build up other boxers. While the practise is mostly the fault of matchmakers and managers, everyone associated with boxing is partly at fault, from the officials of the Boxing Commission, who issue the licenses, to the sports scribes who play up the past performances (of other years) of the washed-up fighter, instead of informing their readers of said boxers' present deplorable status.

The sport writers could eliminate this practise quickly, and in the long run it would benefit even the promoter, for, sooner or later, such matches cut down the business at the box office.

Nat Fleischer's RING Record Book contains the records of palookas and "washed-up" fighters, as well as the records of the good boxers. This is done as a service to boxing commissions, matchmakers and sport writers, that there may be more merit to the issuing of licenses, the making of matches and the publicity on fights and fighters.

For instance, the record of Willie Roache (Record Book) lists 37 defeats and shows him winning but once in the past 18 months, during which he was beaten 12 times. Also, the record of Ivan Jones (another set-up for Flanagan) listed 22 defeats and exposes the fact that he hadn't won a fight in over a year, during which time he has been whipped twelve consecutive times.

The California Commission did "retire" both these boxers, but not until AFTER they had fought here. However, the Commission office has refused to sanction a number of mis-matches in recent weeks and have picked up the licenses of many of our human punching-bags. So, local boxing cards will probably be made up of more evenly matched contestants hereafter.

Hollywood Stadium featured George Millich, 176, Sacramento Slav, and Marvin Liddell, 170, Oklahoma Indian, in a ten-rounder. (Yeah, a main event.) The Commission first refused to sanction this match, but later, allowed it to take place. (Liddell may not be much of a fighter, but Manager Mike McNulty is.) Millich won the unanimous decision.

Liddell was aggressive, but wild in his delivery. Millich had the advantage at both long range and in-close fighting, that is, what there was of it, the bout being marred by much clinching. The most exciting moment of the bout was when Millich went down in the fourth, claiming he had been hit low, to which the referee agreed and gave George a rest. Both tired badly in the closing rounds, partly due to the heat. It was a hot night. Yes indeed.

In the semi, Felix Bueno, 132, San Jose, made his first start in the Southland an impressive one by winning over Al Sandoval, 134, Wilmington, in the fifth round, when the bout was halted because of Sandoval's cut eye. It was a fast, solid punching setto, with Bueno having the best of it.

In the prelims, Butch Maxwell, 132, decisioned Ronald Cannon, 136, four; Art Brown, 158, stopped Al Hernandez, 156, one; Rudy Vasquez, 125, won over Trini Perez, 130, four; Jay Caldwell, 160, whipped Eddie Seale, 158, four.

Jerry McSwain, Irish heavy of Anaheim, won a dull ten-rounder over Gene Felton, Los Angeles Negro, at the San Diego Coliseum. Outside of the ninth round, when he jarred McSwain with a hard right, Felton showed no desire to mix it. Gene jabbed occasionally, but most of the time was content to backpedal and tie up the Irishman. McSwain was aggressive, but slow to take advantage of openings. There was some action in the seventh, in which Jerry scored with several right uppercuts.

It was an unusually warm night, which might have had something to do with the action.

In supporting bouts, Trini Perez, Mexico, decisioned Little Giant in the six-round semi; Jess Salazar, Long Beach, K.O.'ed Al Neria in the third; Herky Kamensky, Pittsburgh, defeated Jose Iglesias in a four; Flash Gordon, San Diego, nodded Lawrence Brown, in four.

That an offense is the best defense is being quite convincingly demonstrated by Freddy Beshore, the battling blond of El Monte, who, by his persistent aggressiveness is chalking up victories over the more highly favored heavyweights. In a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, Dutch Culbertson, local Negro boxer, laced Beshore for four rounds, jabbing and hooking him with lefts, and nailing the onrushing blond with right uppercuts.

At the end of the fourth round there was probably only one person in the arena who thought that Beshore would win—that was Beshore. Freddy got to Culbertson with some solid belts to the body in the fifth, which took a lot of steam out of the Negro boy. From there on, Beshore was in the driver's seat. Although hit with numerous uppercuts as he lunged in with body blows, the rugged Dutchman forced Culbertson to give ground.

Dutch was given a rest in the seventh, due to a low blow, and Freddy was penalized two points. Angered over the penalty, Beshore smacked Culbertson lustily in the eighth and garnered the final two rounds as well. Beshore weighed 193, Culbertson 187.

The semi-final was halted in the opening round and awarded to Dale Hall, 191, on a T.K.O., when Harry Wills, 189, suffered an eye cut.

In the four-rounders, Tony Grich, 159, decisioned Art Brown, 158; Billy Murphy, 140, and Ronald Cannon, 135, fought a draw; Herky Kamensky, 115, drew with Rocky Figarelli, 117; Benny Black, 147, nodded Tommy Lee James, 148.

Tommy Garland, 187, Culver City, won handily over John Donnelly, 188, Los Angeles Negro, in their ten-round rematch at the Ocean Park Arena. Garland decked Donnelly for a no-count in the second, and buckled his knees in the sixth. Donnelly forced the milling, but Tommy was on the ball this night and proved too ringwise for the Negro.

In the semi, Rodney Jones, 166, Santa Monica's sweetheart, punched out the win over Enoch Lee, 170, in a six-rounder.

In remaining bouts, Pat Quinn, 122, defeated Roberto Galvan, 127, in four Sid Hitchens, 128, decisioned Chuck Wilkerson, 124, in a four; Lawrence Brown, 149, nodded Cliff Barnett, 148, in four.

A few of our local managers regard one of their group, a fellow who writes a column in a boxing magazine (Gosh, that could be me!) as somewhat of a knocker. Constructive criticism, when heeded, will forestall outright condemnation. But it is only an intelligent person who recognizes constructive criticism, and only a conscientious one who acknowledges it as such. What many of we managers seem to forget is that we are associated with a sport.

Yes sir, we managers are sure sensitive when our ulterior motives are questioned, or our conduct criticized. If our actions would fit our words, we certainly would be a fine group of men. For instance, every handler of boxers will tell you that his first concern is the welfare of his charges, physically, financially and morally. They rarely mention any self-interests.

But if a decent, conscientious manager advises one of his boxers, for some good reason, to hang up the gloves, ten other managers are immediately on the prowl, encouraging the boxer to continue fighting under their management. Of course, they "just want to help the boy."

The Mario Trigo-Lauro Salas go at the Hollywood Stadium was supposed to be a grudge fight. They are ex-stablemates, both from the same city and rivals for local following, and Salas claims to have beaten Trigo in Mexico, which Trigo denies. That all adds up, but in this contest their grudge appeared slightly greater than that displayed by a teen-ager and his girl friend on the front porch on a moonlight night.

Trigo elected to box in a southpaw stance and

tie up Salas whenever in close. This bothered Salas no little, but instead of ignoring the handicap and cutting loose with both fists, as is his forte, Salas tried to figure it out and Luis is not good at figuring. Due to the razzing from the crowd the boys mixed it up a bit in the late rounds.

It was in the final heat that the Latins recalled having a mad-on. Salas had the better of this one round of real mixing. Trigo, 130, was credited with five rounds and won the unanimous decision. Salas, 127, copped three heats with two even. The principals wore eight-ounce gloves, pretty red and green silk shorts and white shoe laces.

In the semi-final Johnny Gardea, 161, came from behind to outfinish Bert Mendoza, 160, in a six-round slugfest.

In remaining bouts, Jay Cracknell, 150, laced Cliff Barnett, 148, in four; Lawrence Brown, 151, decisioned Henry Yeargin, 149, in a four; Jess Bojorquez, 135, iced Al Neria, 136, in the first round; Roberto Galvan, 127, nodded Freddie Herrera, 129, in the opener.

"Fitzpatrick rushes out at the bell, lets fly with a right . . . and the affair is over in 1:32 of the opening round." The above describes the start of Hilton Fitzpatrick's clash with Rusty Payne at the San Diego Coliseum. Also, it is practically the same wording that has been used to describe Fitzpatrick's fights no less than ten times in this column. But these stories used to end differently. Fitzie missed with that right this time, Rusty didn't.

After Payne avoided Fitzie's opening rush, they sparred cautiously for awhile, then Payne attacked. A crushing right to the jaw felled Fitzie as though he had been hit with a club. The Irishman regained his feet at the count of nine, but was in a groggy condition. An instant later another right to the whiskers put Fitzie down again, this time for the full count.

Other results: Billy Herrera was awarded a close decision over Little Giant after six rounds of give-and-take in the semi; Butch Maxwell beat Jess Salazar in a six; Flash Gordon decisioned Ray Louis in four; Dave Gallardo whipped Jose Iglesias in a four.

With the assist of a couple of cut eyes, Maxie Docusen ran his string of consecutive victories to 43 by scoring a T.K.O. over Buddy Jacklich in seven rounds at the Los Angeles Olympic. The New Orleans boy was slightly ahead and doing very well at the time the bout was halted, but Jacklich had run up a slight lead in the early heats and had he been able to repeat in the late rounds, the result could have been different.

Jacklich buckled Docusen's knees with left hooks in the second, but was bleeding from the right eye at the bell. Buddy put Maxie through the ropes for a two-count in the third with another left hook. However, Little Duke was pumping leather with both hands at the bell, ending these rounds he lost. The sixth was the most hotly contested one, with Docusen pulling out of the red and Jacklich getting into it, with a gashed left eye.

Docusen's damaging left jab had the 'Frisco boy bleeding from both eyes during the seventh and after taking a look at the cuts at the end of the round, Dr. Lloyd Mace called it quits. It had been an action-packed scrap all the way, as are all the fights either of these youngsters take part in. Docusen weighed 133, Jacklich 131.

In supporting bouts, Jerry Slavin, 155, Minneapolis, had to come from behind to get a draw with Tag Mayfield, 157, the supposedly "soft touch," who had been losing in the small club prelims, six; Chuck Wilkerson, 124, decisioned Sid Hitchens, 125, four; Tommy Vargas, 135, bested Speedy Navarro, 137, four; Tony Grich, 157, whipped Eddie Seale, 158, four; Freddie Garcia, 148, nodded Lawrence Brown, 149, four.

In the best fight staged at the Hollywood Stadium this year and the first pair of well-matched, established main-event boxers to perform in the Movie City ring in a long, long time, Jerry McSwain, Irish heavy of Anaheim, pounded out a win over Dutch Culbertson, New York Negro, in a free-punching ten-rounder. It was a nip-and-tuck affair and close, in spite of the decision being a unanimous one.

Dutch boxed well and punched sharply for an early advantage, but his blows had little effect on the sturdy Irishman, while Jerry's jolts shook the Negro boxer to his heels. They mixed it up like lightweights in the eighth, with Culbertson firing the most volleys, but McSwain heaving the heaviest artillery. McSwain weighed 189, Culbertson 183.

In the semi, Dale Hall, Los Angeles, and Bill McClure, Minneapolis, went six dull rounds to a draw. In spite of razzing from the crowd and a warning from the referee, the Negro heavies continued to perform at a "jest doing what comes naturally" tempo.

In the four-rounders, Tony Grich, 156, decisioned Art Brown, 157; Johnny Clark, 126, won over Dave Gallardo, 121; Ray Sandoval, 135, whipped Johnny Turner, 136; Benny Chavez, 113, nodded Rocky Figarelli, 114.

Just when it appeared that Bob Murphy would soon add Johnny Meyers to his list of K.O. victims, in their clash at San Diego Coliseum, they bumped heads and the bout was stopped. Murphy won on a T.K.O., for, although it was he who suffered the gashed eyebrow, he was far ahead on points, having won every round. The collision happened in the fifth.

Meyers jarred the Irishman a few times with hard rights, but most of Johnny's efforts were feeble ones. Murphy forced Meyers around the ring and repeatedly shook him up with left hooks, but had failed to floor him.

In other bouts, Bert Mendoza defeated Art Brown in the six-round semi; Chivo Amador bested Trini Perez in a six; Louis Jamerson laced Johnny Turner in four; Flash Gordon won over Wade Evans in four.

Landing the harder punches, Clyde Coyhis, 149, Milwaukee Negro, defeated Charley Salas, 142, Phoenix Mexican, in a fast-moving ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. The up-and-coming Negro clouter proved too rough and tough for the Arizona champ. Coyhis was credited with seven of the heats and the decision was unanimous.

In supporting bouts, Jerry Slavin, 157, decisioned Al Hernandez, 158, in four; Johnny Curtis, 187, K.O.'ed Willie McCoy, 182, in the second; Rocky Corkins, 152, and Henry Yeargin, 149, fought four rounds to a draw; Chuck Wilkerson, 124, chilled Benny Chavez, 120, in the fourth; Art Brown, 158, decisioned Eddie Seale, 161, in a four.

A benefit program staged at the Hollywood Stadium netted $4000 for the family of Leroy Decatur, Negro preliminary boxer, who died during a bout in the Hollywood ring a few months ago. The card of five six-rounders and a four, featured Rudy Davila, 150, and Mike Angustain, 157, two better-than-average prelim boxers.

Davila copped five of the six rounds with a left-hook attack, having Angustain groggy numerous times. Mike, a gamester, kept plodding in, despite the punishment, but his wide-open stance was duck soup for the sharp-shooting Davila. Angustain came on to win the final round, Rudy having tired from punching his rugged foe. The decision to Davila was unanimous.

Richard Jones, 145, punched out a close decision over Don Lemos, 145, in a fast, hard-fought six-rounder. Lemos had the better of the infighting, but Jones did most of the forcing and landed the harder blows.

Jerry Brown, 167, Negro cutie, easily outboxed Gil Mojica, 167, winning five of the six rounds. Mojica, an in-and-outer, who is a very good fighter on some nights, a very bad one on other evenings, wasn't in the mood on this night. He did snap out of it in the sixth to win that round.

Glen Flanagan, 125, won over Billy Herrera, 125, in the third round when Herrera suffered an eye cut and the bout was stopped.

Jelly McElroy, 144, hit Freddie Garcia, 147, with everything but the ring-posts to win by a ridiculous margin. McElroy copped every round over funny Freddie and smacked him down for a nine-count in the second.

Sid Hitchens, 129, decisioned Trini Perez, 129, in the four-rounder.

Referee Benny Whitman, already popular with the fans at the San Diego Coliseum, was even more so after picking up the "mike" and announcing, "I am stopping this bout and declaring it a no-decision affair. Steen is willing, but Bartholomew either can't, or don't want to fight." The customers cheered and Whitman sent the principals to the dressing rooms.

This all happened in the eighth round of a waltz between Irvin Steen of San Diego and Melvin Bartholomew of New Orleans. The latter wasn't mad at anyone and he "jest weren't punchin' a cousin on a purty nite like this." Steen did some offensive milling, but he didn't work very hard at it. After seven and a half rounds of this fancy stuff, Whitman was as fed-up as the fans, so, the announcement, and to bed.

Results of the fights: Bert Mendoza won over Bulldog Gonzales, six; Little Giant defeated Roberto Galvan, six; Tommy Vargas K.O.'ed Lee Walker, four; Joe Iglesias decisioned Freddie Herrera, four.

Dear Reader: I repeat, I do not have any photos of boxers to send out, nor do I have the time to write out records of any boxers. The only inquiries that I will have the time to answer during the next few months is correspondence from managers or boxers, relative to the boxing situation out here on the Coast. And even such inquiries may not be answered if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is not enclosed. Address: Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June Street, Hollywood 38, Calif.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

IN ONE of the greatest fights in recent years, Chuck Hunter won a ten-round split decision over Steve Belloise of New York. The fight was so close the fans were divided as to the winner. The writer feels that the bout was even, but that low blows landed by Chuck Hunter should have swung the decision in Belloise's favor. Hunter won the first, eighth and ninth rounds; Belloise the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and tenth, with the second and seventh even. The most decisive round of the fight was the ninth, with Belloise in serious trouble throughout.

Jimmy Bivins tried too hard to lick Pat Valentino, and as a result lacked his usual finesse. Bivins won decisively, but lacked the fire that once was his.

Mickey Doyle lost the first three rounds to Lou Valles, but gave Lou a rough evening thereafter, winning by a T.K.O. in the sixth.

Joe Carkido got better as his fight against Buddy Garcia progressed, but unfortunately, received a bad eye cut, causing him to lose by a T.K.O. in the ninth.

In the opening four, Joe Salcone copped the decision from Juan Manuel.

Jackie Keough, returning to the wars after a short layoff, decisively trounced Lafayette Drummond in an eight-rounder at Chicago. Jack will be ready for the best of fighters very soon.

Eddie Marotta, Cleveland's great little fighter, will start training again soon after his enforced layoff due to appendicitis.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

THIS corner does not have very much in the way of fistic news from this neck of the woods this month, as Promoter Bernstein has gone to the post only once and that attraction pitted St. Louis's Kid Riviera, 216½, against New Jersey's Pat Comiskey, 212, attracting 3,067 paid customers with a gross gate of $6,714.25. Comiskey failed to throw his supposedly power-laden right and Riviera, wary of the highly advertised right hand, and away behind on points going into the sixth, suddenly came to life and managed to win the last five heats with a flickering left. Riviera was visibly in the best shape that he has ever been in and and could have made a whale of a fight out of it if he had so chosen. Benny Kessler, referee.

Semi-final: Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, 126½, outpointed Howard Jackson, Kansas City, 125, in eight rounds.

Prelims: Walter Tankins, St. Louis, 151, decisioned Witman Burress, Cincinnati, 147½, in six rounds. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, 136½, outpointed Charley Baxter, Cincinnati, 135½, in six rounds. Lou Moeckel, St. Louis, 135, decisioned Charley Weaver, Cincinnati, 134½, in four rounds.

The Missouri Commission put into effect the rule which makes it a "must" that a boxer who is on the receiving end of a knockdown stay down for a full count of eight. The commission also announced that beginning immediately the scores, as added up by the officials, would not be given at the end of each round as they have in the past few shows, and that the tabulations would be given at the end of the bout.

Fans here still want to see Charley Riley get a chance at Pep's crown in a St. Louis ring.

Send all news of interest to readers of this column to Bus Burke, 1218 So. Fourth Street, DeSoto, Missouri. Am also still looking for photos of fighters to add to my collection. Thanks to the many friends who have helped to swell my collection.

ADDITIONAL SPOKANE NEWS

By DON C. SIGNS

A CAPACITY crowd saw Tiger Jack Fox defeat Charley Eagle from New York by a K.O. in six. Eagle, who looked good, had Fox in trouble by using strategy, keeping him busy for the first four rounds. A complete change in the fourth, in the usual style of Fox, and from there on Fox had Eagle completely at his will. The semi-windup went to a hotly-contested draw between Benny Flake of Salt Lake and Frankie Gimble of Spokane. Both fought hard but neither boy landed damaging punches.

The best fight of the evening was between Eddie Halligan of Spokane and a newcomer from Vancouver, B. C., namely Roy Wouter, who had the capacity crowd on their feet yelling for six gruelling rounds. Lloyd Rolph, a fast-coming welterweight, knocked out Mickey McLennaghen in a hard-fought fight. Al (Pinky) Cowan, the best young prospect to come out of the ranks, won his fifth straight K.O. by cooling Hec Fillion from Vancouver, B. C., in the first stanza.

In meeting World's Champ Manuel Ortiz, Joey Dolan, Spokane's fighting Irishman, displayed great talent, although losing on a T.K.O. in the fifth. The commission doctor ruled the bout stopped.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND

By GEORGE ROSS

AT Holyoke, Valley Arena: Tony Janiro of Youngstown, Ohio, kayoed Frankie Cordino of Toronto, Canada, in the first round of a scheduled ten round bout. It was Cordino's first knockout. Johnny Scott of Westover Field won a decision over Frankie Lacroix of Hartford, Conn., in five. Bobby Caesar of Albany, N. Y., won a five-rounder from Frankie Taurrano of Holyoke, Mass. Gene O'Connor of Springfield, Mass., fought a draw with Ray Dulmaine of Worcester, Mass., in five. Rolly Johns of Albany, N. Y., won a six-round semi from Johnny Parker, of Springfield, Mass.

Valley Arena. Nicky Mistovich of Youngstown, Ohio, won a split decision over Phil Burton of St. Louis in a ten round main bout. Red Perkins of Manchester, N. H., won by a knockout over Billy Morris of Torrington, Conn., in the fourth round of a six round bout. Leon Hudson of Boston, Mass., won a six rounder from Ray Dulmaine of Worcester, Mass. Tony Grigas of Holyoke knocked out Harry Bilzerian of Worcester in the first. Johnny Scott of Westover Field scored his second win over Frankie Lacroix of Hartford, Conn., in five.

Hankin Barrows, Panama, won a decision over Charley Early of Boston, Mass., in the ten round main bout at the Valley Arena, Holyoke, Mass. This show was for the benefit of the Boys Health Camp Fund, which netted $1200. The money will be used to send needy children to summer camps. Bob Feldman of Radio Station WMAS, Springfield, Mass., has a show each year for this cause.

Red Perkins of Manchester, N. H., won his second straight fight by winning over Johnny Parker, of Springfield, Mass., in a six rounder. Rolly Johns of Albany, N. Y., won a six round decision over Sammy White of Boston, Mass. This made ten straight wins for Rolly Johns in ten fights at this club. Joey Casto of Springfield, Mass., won a five rounder over Gene O'Connor of Springfield, Mass. In the opening five rounder, Bob Ceasar of Albany, N. Y., won over Brownie Mikalis of Northampton, Mass.

The recent deaths in boxing having stirred the Boxing Commissions into action to halt the accidents, up come the doctors with a lot of expensive examinations. The fault is in the trainers and managers. They do not know how to train a boy to take punishment, and strengthen the muscles of the neck and head, as they did in the old days, that is why you did not have the killings that you have today. Let the trainers train the boys right and there will be no more deaths. The boys do not die of heart trouble, they die because they are not trained to take the punishment handed out by their opponent. If they are trained right they can take that punishment.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA

By WALT MARLOW

BY means of claiming victory via the foul route, Johnny Roberts, 147, Winnipeg, gained the Western Canada welter title in Calgary when referee Bob Selkirk called a halt to the slugfest in the seventh round, and disqualified the title holder, Tommy Deschambeault.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Nolan, now in the middleweight ranks, added to his prestige with a well deserved victory over Hal (K.O.) Kilgour. The fight however ended in rather an unsatisfactory manner. With twelve seconds remaining in the fifth round, Kilgour's chief second, Curley Sloan, clambered into the ring. The fight, however, was well in hand for Nolan.

Four rounders wound up as follows:

Kenny Angevine, Calgary, K.O.'ed Jimmy Roberts, Winnipeg, 2; Bill Green, Calgary welter, copped a close one from Ernie Kemick, Calgary; Max Adams, 160, Calgary, K.O.'ed Wolf Collar, Cluwy, 2nd; Teddy Obray decisioned Denny Beattie; and Garnet Deere drew with Albert Deakin.

Calgary—Al Slater, Canadian feather champ of Calgary, scored a third round K.O. over Peter Hinojos, Mexico, in the feature attraction of an Ernie Farr promoted show.

A left hook and right cross sent Hinojos to the canvas in the second, and although he weathered the storm till the bell, he was an easy target in the third.

In the semi-final, Jimmy Nolan, Calgary, gave Buddy Fisher the rock-a-bye treatment at 1:52 of the first.

The "fours" resulted as follows:

Billy Green, Calgary, decisioned Lonnie Charles, Kansas City; Dan Butler scored over Doug Harper; Al Vail got the nod over Chip Madsen; Brian Hamilton drew with Frankie Sherman, and Larry Obray did likewise with Denny Beattie.

Vancouver—Jumping Jackie Turner, definitely not the Turner of old, battled to a draw with Kenny Lindsay in the bantam feature of a Gil Martin promotion.

With a crowd of 2,848 on hand, the show was a complete success for the Martin-Heggie promotional team.

In the six-round semi, Eddie Helem, Vancouver, and Al Davis, Seattle, wound up even after six gruelling rounds.

The special event, another six, Paulie Cook, Tacoma 126 pounder, scored over a tough-willing Jackie Arden, Portland.

Georgie Mazurenko, Alberta's lightweight champion, scored a popular decisive verdict over Red Garrison, Spokane.

The four-round opener saw Joe Trudeau, 170, Winnipeg, pound out a decisive win over Tony Algetto, Vancouver.

SHORT JABS—Roger Whynott, outstanding eastern Canadian middle and welter, would like to come west for a series of fights . . . . Ernie Farr, Calgary, says his Al Slater is ready for Toronto's Li'l Arthur King . . . . Jimmy Nolan and Kenny Angevine, Calgary boys, are rapidly becoming standouts in this area . . . . The Canadian Boxing Federation is finally getting around to giving Western Canada a little consideration in regards to talent . . . . At least they say they are . . . . Winnipeg was scheduled to run a show on April 30. However, flood conditions forced a postponement till late in May . . . . Hec Fillion, the belter from Cornwall, Ont., is a popular drawer to the fans on the Pacific Coast . . . . All unattached fighters contact the writer if you want action. The address — 10361-98 Street, Edmonton . . . . All for this month.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

JOLTING JOHNNY ROBERTS, 147, Winnipeg welter, journeyed up to Calgary, Alberta, where he dethroned Western Canada welter champ, Tommy Deschambeault, 146. The end came in the seventh round when the ex-champ was disqualified for repeated low punching.

The pro boxing show scheduled for Winnipeg was cancelled due to flood conditions. Promoter Alex Turk plans on trying it again as soon as an open date can be found for the Amphitheatre.

Jumping Jackie Turner, Vancouver bantam, now working out of Winnipeg, flew up to Denver, Colorado, where he scored a crowd-pleasing eight round win over Louie Langley, New York Negro bantam.

Ferdinando Gagnon, Canadian bantam king, is still ignoring Jackie Turner. Western Canada's outstanding bantam challenger.

Steve Kozak, Winnipeg grappler, is hot after a rematch with Sandor Szabo. After Szabo, Kozak wants Toronto's Franky Sexton.

Frank Schwan, Saskatchewan heavyweight, is planning on moving to Winnipeg, where he intends to further his fistic career.

Edmonton, Alberta, has a good little bantam prospect in 16 year old Jerry Downie. Downie has scored 5 K.O.'s in seven starts as an amateur.

Wilf Dejardins, Winnipeg lightweight, continues along his winning streak. Dejardins has been working out of Spokane the past few months.

George Cote, Winnipeg middleweight, now residing in Vancouver, has joined the ranks of the benedicts.

Doc Bradley, of Miami, Florida, would like to show his 150-lb. cow puncher, Billy Patterson, in the mid-west.

Chico Morales, Pete Andrews' Cuban featherweight, may soon be seen in Canadian rings.

Dan Merrit, Cleveland heavyweight, plans a comeback, and would like to box Verne Escol, Canadian heavyweight champ, or Elmer Ray on an Alex Turk card in Winnipeg.

This writer can be reached at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.

COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

BOXING in Boston has been abandoned for the Summer months. . . . Several outdoor spots, however, will be conducted. . . . These include New Bedford, Fall River, West Springfield, East Providence, R. I., and also possibly Hyannis, on Cape Cod. . . . The three Hub enterprises, the Dempsey A. A., Goodwin A. C., and Callahan A. C., will resume in the Fall. . . . Jimmy Mede, promoter of the Dempsey A. A., is looking forward to a big season in the Fall at Mechanics Building. . . . A big investigation is underway at the present time between the Massachusetts Boxing Commission and the legal heads of the state. . . . Phil Buccola has left for Italy where he will sign up some fighters.

Salem, Mass.—In a rough tussle all the way, Mal Evans, 130, Providence, R. I., stopped Joey Bolduc, 129, Cambridge, Mass., in the sixth round at the North Street Arena. A cut eye ended the battle two rounds before the finish. In a companion eight, Charley Celeste, 129, Boston, outpointed Lou Bell, 131, Lowell, in a return bout. In a previous match, Bell was the winner by a kayo.

Portland, Me.—Popular Jean Richard, 128, Montreal Frenchman, won another bout at the Exposition Building when he hammered out a sixth-round T.K.O. victory over game Jackie Harris, 126, Malden, Mass. Phil Roderique, 156, Lewiston, Me., outpointed Eddie Letourneau, 158, Sanford, Me., in the six-round semi-final.

Fall River, Mass.—Jackie Williams, New York welterweight, who is a stablemate of Ray Robinson, completed the conquest of the fistic family from Lowell, Mass., the Andrews brothers, after winning a unanimous ten-round decision over Davey Andrews at the Casino. Two weeks previously, Williams defeated Roy, Davey's younger brother, by a kayo in four rounds. Andy Bishop, 129, Fall River, and Leon Hutson, 127, Cambridge, Mass., battled to a draw in the six-round semi-final bout.

Worcester, Mass.—Lenny Trader, 153, New Haven, Conn., fought an uphill battle to earn a draw with improving Dick Callahan, 159, Boston, in the top eight-rounder at the Auditorium. Tony Ducharme, 135, Montreal, knocked out Al Smith, 127½, Boston, in the seventh. A third eight between Leo O'Gara, 151, Providence, R. I., and Eddie York, 148, Boston, ended in the third round with O'Gara the winner by a kayo.

Worcester, Mass.—One of New England's leading middleweights, Heyward Warnum, 155, Boston, needed only two punches to stop Jules Rinaldo, 160½, New York, in the main bout at Mechanics Hall. A stiff overhand right dropped the Gothamite for nine and another left hook had Rinaldo on queer street and prompted Referee Johnny Drew to call it quits. Bobby Mack, 158, Keene, N. H., gained an unpopular six-round decision over Al Pinel, 158½, New Bedford, in the semi-final. Charley Pappas, 158, Boston, registered a three-round kayo over Johnny Irvin, 149, Windsor, Vt., in another slated six.

Sanford, Me.—Defending his Maine title, Vic Young, 125, Biddeford, outpointed challenger Lloyd Hudson, 123½, Bath, Me., at the Arena in ten rounds. Bobby Pooler, 138, Portland, Me., defeated Lloyd's younger brother, Eddie, in the six-round semi-final.

Boston—Reversing a previous defeat, Charley Fusari, 148½, Irvington, N. J., gained a popular decision over Al "Red" Priest, 154, Cambridge, Mass., in the ten-round windup at the Boston Garden before a packed gathering. Fusari was credited with eight of the ten rounds as he poured a constant barrage of punches to Priest's body. In the six-round semi-final, Ernie Giusti, 139, West Warwick, R. I., gained the decision over Billy Kearns, 141, Wethersfield, Conn. Johnny Woods, 141, Boston, punched out a three-round T.K.O. win over game Henry Polowitzer, 137, Hartford, Conn., and Pat Kelly, 137, South Boston, formerly from Toronto, Can., nipped Lenny LaBrutta, 138, Newark, N. J., in six. Dom Saia, 133, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Joe Palaza, 133, Boston, in five rounds and heavyweight Bobby Quinn, 190, Boston, kayoed Billy Williams, 190, Dorchester, Mass., in two as he made his pro debut a successful one.

Boston—The newest heavyweight sensation to hit the ranks, Henry "Snow" Flake, 190, Buffalo, N. Y., impressed in his Hub debut with an easy ten-round win over veteran campaigner, Bill Weinberg, 215, Chelsea, Mass., anad more recently of New York, in the feature of the Callahan A. C. Flake had Weinberg on the verge of a kayo several times, but the crafty vet held on. Don Williams, 142, Worcester, came through his toughest test with a victory over durable Jackie Lovatt, 145, Providence, R. I., in ten rounds. Joe Blackwood, 157, Paterson, N. J., evened the score with George Hill, 160, Everett, Mass., after taking the decision in ten. Terry Reardon, 155, Boston, outpointed Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, in four rounds and Jerry Zullo, 137, Chelsea, kayoed Mike Duffy, 136, Boston, in two heats of the opener.

Salem, Mass.—Tippy Larkin, 145, Garfield, N. J., won a ten-round decision from Billy Kearns, 145, Wethersfield, Conn., at the North Street Arena. The Blond Tiger, 129, Lowell, Mass., stopped Joe Palaza, 133, Boston, in the fifth of eight scheduled rounds.

Bangor, Me.—Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 133, Boston, needed only three rounds to put away Steve Kronis, 129, Boston, at the City Hall.

Worcester, Mass.—Setting a furious pace, Tony Ducharme, 135, Montreal, and Frankie "Kit" Carson, 130, Newark, N. J., went eight rounds to a draw in the top bout at the Auditorium. Leo O'Gara, 152, Providence, R. I., gained a close decision over Jose Contreas, 154½, Fall River, in another eight. Johnny Melko, 202, Worcester, topped Frank Cotoia, 209, Providence, R. I., in six, and Ray Dulmaine, 125, Worcester, kayoed Johnny Holms, 125, Springfield, in two.

Fall River, Mass.—Nick Stato, 135, Springfield, Mass., and Ticky Millozzi, 136, Elizabeth, N. J., clashed in the ten-round windup at the Casino with the former winning a close decision.

Worcester, Mass.—Ike Stevenson, 150, Framingham, Mass., took a ten-round decision over Vince Callahan, 148, Boston, in the feature at Mechanics Hall. It was one of the best bouts of the year, as both warriors stood toe to toe throughout. Callahan was dropped twice, but came back fighting each time. Bobby Duquette, 132, Brockton, Mass., beat Bill Simmons, 134, Boston, in six hard-fought rounds. Mike Duffy, 142, Boston, received a cut over his right eye, and "Red" Perkins, 138, Lynn, was given a one-round T.K.O. triumph. Les Rivers, 158, Boston, outpointed Al Pinel, 157, New Bedford, in six of the opener.

Boston—Berry Wright, 149, Cleveland, lost a ten-round decision to Ralph Zannelli, 147, Providence, R. I. Johnny Pretzie, 195, Boston, defeated Bill Hardiman, 189, Boston, in a dull semi-final of six rounds. Jerry King, 135, Providence, R. I., and Pat Kelly, 157, South Boston, went to a draw in six, and Billy Napper, 152, Boston, grabbed a split duke from Charley Pappas, 151, Boston, in six. Dom Saia, 127, Boston, outpointed Jose Garcia, 123, New York, in another six.

Boston—New England lightweight champion, Jackie Weber, 135, Pawtucket, R. I., was given a tough opponent at the Boston Arena in the person of Hermie Freeman, 136, Bangor, Me., and just did get the decision at the end of ten rounds. Jackie dropped Freeman in the seventh with a stiff right and that turned the tide for him. Andy Bishop, 125, Fall River, tallied a fifth-round T.K.O. win over Edgar Gallant, 132, Gardner, Mass., when the latter was cut badly about the mouth. Bobby Quinn, 202, Boston, stopped Ray Ladd, 189, Portland, Me., in two, and Paul Roche, 126, Boston, outpointed Johnny O'Keefe, 126, Lowell, Mass., in four.

Jackie Wilson, 145, Quincy, Mass., gained the fancy of the crowd with a two-round kayo over Al Mazerole, 139, Limestone, Me. Jerry Zullo, 135, Chelsea, Mass., stopped Billy Sutton, 139, Providence, R. I., in three.

Salem, Mass.—Mexican Tony Riccio, 136, Medford, Mass., and Southpaw Tommy Greb, 139, Boston, ended in a stalemate after ten rounds in the main bout at the North Street Arena. Nel Girard, 128, New Bedford, hit the limelight with a one-round kayo victory over Lou Bell, 131, Lowell. Paul Donovan, 139, Everett, floored Ray Sykes, 140, Boston, for the full count in two.

Portland, Me.—Jean Richard, 129, Montreal, held New England Featherweight Champion Timothy "Buddy" Hayes to a ten-round draw in the feature at the Exposition Building.

Fall River, Mass.—Tony Falco, 145, Middletown, Conn., a member of the Willie Pep stable, outpointed Johnny Woods, 143, Boston, in the ten-round feature bout at the Casino. Leon Hutson, 126, Boston, outboxed Bobby English, 132, Fall River, to win the six-round semi-final.

Worcester, Mass.—In a return fray, Tony Ducharme, 134, Montreal, outpointed Frankie "Kit" Carson, 127, Newark, N. J., in eight rounds at the Auditorium. Their last meeting resulted in a draw. Lenny LaBrutta, 126, Newark, N. J., scored over Lloyd Hudson, 135, Bath, Me., in another eight and Barry Wood, 136, defeated Frankie Lemire, 137, Providence, R. I., in a third eight.

Worcester, Mass.—Johnny Potenti, 153, Worcester, remained undefeated after stopping Vince Callahan, 148, Boston, in four rounds in the windup at Mechanics Hall. Callahan's left eye was cut and the referee stopped the bout. Heyward Warnum, 154, Boston, won by a T.K.O. over Frankie Ross, 157, Boston, in five. Gordon Ifall, 156, Boston, knocked out Al Vivolo, 155, Boston, in two. Mario Rucci, 135, Worcester, improving with every start, halted Billy Shea, 136, Roxbury, Mass., in three.

Lewiston, Me.—Al Couture, 149, Lewiston, Maine's No. 1 welter, made quick work of veteran Buster Beaupre, 145, Burlington, Vt., scoring a kayo in one round. Rudy Champagne, 138, Augusta, Me., outpointed Blaine Macomber, 140, Bangor, Me., in six.

Boston—Ranking lightweights, Freddie Dawson, 137, of Chicago, and Willie Russell, 135, of Columbus, Ohio, were the main eventers of the Callahan A. C. feature at the Boston Arena with Dawson gaining the duke before a small crowd. Jackie Wilson, 145, Quincy, Mass., won an unpopular decision over Ceferino Bronco, 146, Fall River, in six of the semi-final. Al Dixon, 135, Manchester, N. H., battered Jerry Zullo, 134, Chelsea, before gaining a five-round T.K.O. win. Bobby Quinn, 185, Boston, was the winner over Bob Troy, 195, Worcester, in one. Troy's purse was held up. Terry Reardon, 155, Boston, stopped Fernando Trindade, 151, Fall River, in two of a slated six.

Bangor, Me.—Al Evans, 158, Montreal, surprised with a two-round kayo over Bill Daley, 157, Brookline, Mass., at the City Hall in the feature bout. It was Daley's first defeat in 16 bouts. Jackie Morris, 166, Boston, defeated Jack Dubois, 161, Waterville, Me., in the six-round semi-final.

Salem, Mass.—Buddy Hayes, 133, New England feather king, registered a seven-round T.K.O. victory over Mal Evans, 129, Providence, R. I., at the North Street Arena. Pat Shannon, 139, Everett, Mass., coming back to the ring after being idle all winter, stopped Leo Bullard, 138, Lowell, Mass., in two. Nel Girard, 130, New Bedford, won a six-round decision over the Blond Tiger, 127, Lowell, Mass., in six.

Portland, Me.—Marcel LaChapelle, 126, Montreal, had too much stamina for Vic Young, 127, Biddeford, Me., and won by a T.K.O. in nine rounds at the Exposition Building. Phil Roderique, 156, Lewiston, Me., decisioned Al Michaud, 159, Lisbon, Me., in the semi-final of six rounds.

Fall River, Mass.—Teddy "Red Top" Davis, 135, Brooklyn, N. Y., stepped too fast for Nick Stato, 136, Springfield, and won a ten-round decision at the Casino. Joey Graziano, 157, Fall River, outpointed Jimmy Sauer, 156, Cambridge, Mass., in six.

Worcester, Mass.—Making his first start as a main bout fighter, Barry Wood, 135, Worcester, stopped Leo Mucucci, 136, Portland, Me., in seven rounds at the Auditorium. Dick Callahan, 157, Boston, decisioned Jose Contreas, 157, Fall River, in eight and Johnny Melko, 198, Worcester, edged Patrick Connolly, 209, Cambridge, Mass., in eight.

Worcester, Mass.—Al "Bearcat" Dixon, 139, Manchester, N. H., was awarded a five-round T.K.O. victory over Lenny Ceasar, 140, New York, in the feature at Mechanics Hall. The Blond Tiger, 129, Lowell, Mass., got the decision over Leon Hutson, 127, Cambridge, Mass., in a nice-to-watch semi-final of six rounds. Lou Paul, 144, Boston, topped Young Leo, 143, Lowell, Mass., in six, and Mario Rucci, 135, Worcester iced Tom Brennan, 134, Lowell, in one.

Athol, Mass.—Andy Bishop, 124, Fall River, stopped Johnny Donato, 127, Berlin, N. H., in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round windup at the Auditorium. Tiger Flowers, 148, Worcester, kayoed Bobby Pooler, 140, Portland, Me., in two.

Boston—Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 133, transplanted Canadian, knocked out youthful Tommy Collins, 130, Boston, in the fifth round of a wild melee. Collins started fast, dropping Armstrong twice in the second session, the last time for a nine-count when the bell interrupted and saved the cagey "Spider" from a kayo. In the third, however, Armstrong took command of the situation and held it until he planted a hard right hand shot to Collins' jaw in the fifth to end matters. Dom Saia, 133, Boston, stopped Jackie Harris, 129, Malden, Mass., in the fourth of a scheduled eight. A cut eye forced the referee to stop it. Jerry King, 136½, Providence, R. I., knocked out Talbert Anderson, 133, New York, in three, and Frankie Feener, 151, Randolph, Mass., put the sleeper on Joe Parris, 147, New York, in three. Paul Roach, 124, Boston, decisioned Johnny O'Keefe, 125, Lowell, in four.

Boston—Peppering his ever-trying opponent at will, Don Williams, Worcester's young welterweight star, gained a five-round T.K.O. victory over Al LaBarba, 147, New York, in the feature bout scheduled for ten rounds at the Boston Arena before a small crowd. The semi-final had Johnny

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Luz, 150½, New Bedford, winning over Billy Smith, 148½, Medford, Mass., in six. Bobby Quinn, 182, Dorchester, Mass., was given a T.K.O. win over Harry Belzarian, 185, Worcester, in one round and Billy Paul, 146, Roxbury, Mass., stopped Blaine Macomber, 140, Guilford, Me., in three cantos.

Lewiston, Me.—Durable Blond Tiger, 130, Lowell, Mass., refused to suffer the same fate which most of Jean Richards' opponents have met in recent bouts and went ten rounds with the hard-punching Frenchman, dropping the unanimous decision at City Hall. Willie Leo, 134, Portland, Me., defeated Edgar Perrault, 132, Berlin, N. H., in the six-round semi-final.

Salem, Mass.—A favorite in this colorful Witch City, Boblo Joe Blackwood, 162, Paterson, N. J., decisioned Johnny Walker, 162, formerly of Philadelphia, who now makes Boston his home, in the ten-round main bout. Pat Shannon, 138, Everett, Mass., continued to win at the North Street Arena with a three-round T.K.O. win over Billy Simmons, 137½, Boston, in the semi-final bout.

Portland, Me.—Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich, currently making a tour throughout New England cities, stopped off at the Exposi-New England cities, stopped off at the Exposition Building and demonstrated his fistic abilities to Maine boxing fans. Gus boxed a four-round exhibition with one of his chief sparring partners. In the main bout of the evening, Horace Bailey, 153, Saco, Me., stopped Bill Dolley, 155, New York, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round windup.

Bangor, Me.—Biddeford's Vic Young, 132, outpointed Canadian Johnny Bouffard, 132, Montreal, in the eight-round main bout at the City Hall. Most of the fans' attention, however, was focused on the four-round exhibition between Gus Lesnevich and Jackie Robinson, his sparmate, who went the distance in an interesting setto.

Burlington, Vt.—Boxing returned to the Green Mountain State at the Auditorium here as Frankie Conti, making a return to New England, defeated Leo Methot of Montreal in the eight-round main bout. Conti, from Haverhill, Mass., weighing 139, was in complete charge over his Dominion foe, who scaled 137.

Fighters desiring work in New England rings should contact the writer. Send full information to Ray Coffin, Room 42, 120 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

ADDITIONAL NEWS "FROM DOWN UNDER"

By VINCENT C. DAVIS

AUSTRALIA—Another Australian title went to an aboriginal boxer when dusky Elley Bennett, 117¾, took the Australian bantamweight title from Mickey Francis, 118, on a knockout in three rounds of a scheduled 15 round bout in Melbourne.

Two years ago, Bennett was a boxing unknown begging for bouts round Brisbane gymnasiums. His father had it all set for young Elley to become a footrunner, but the boy had a yen for boxing and forsook the spiked shoe for the game of literal give and take.

He hit the national champion class after his virile two-fisted attack had shown Francis the way down to the canvas four times. Bennett, 24 years of age, will probably have the most serious challenge for his title from another Brisbane bantamweight, George Kennedy, who has beaten Bennett.

American Negro featherweight, Marlin ("Buck") Edwards, 121¼, made an unimpressive debut in this country when he lost a points decision to Filipino Little Paras, 121½, over 12 rounds in Sydney. Edwards scarcely did a thing to gain points for six rounds, and then improved a lot, but not enough to get a draw.

Other 12 rounds matches: Leichhardt (Sydney): Frank Donnelly, 136, outpointed Billy Foley, 138. Brisbane: Frank Sibley, 135, outpointed Jack Barclay, 132; Billy Williams, 122½, decisioned Johnny Demsky, 124. Newcastle: George Sands, 142, outpointed Ken Murphy, 147.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

ANTHONY PETRONELLA, regarded as an outstanding authority on boxing, was appointed supervisor of athletics in charge of boxing in Rhode Island.

Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight champion, was warmly received here. Gus K.O.'ed Jackie Robinson in an exhibition bout at Pawtucket. Joe Vella, Fred Fierro and Dewey Fragetta accompanied the champ.

Outdoor boxing will be staged on two fronts here this summer.

Local fighters fared poorly this month. Danny Martin, Newark, middleweight, managed by Anatto Pocci, was partly the cause, beating Carmine Lato and Gene Farland.

Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J., lightweight, and Jerry Mekler, New York lightie, are very popular with the local fans.

Steve Marcello, a carbon copy of Tippy Larkin, has scored ten consecutive victories.

Eight ounce gloves are now used in Providence rings.

George Ross, now boxing out of Boston, has scored seven consecutive victories here.

Tony Ducharme, now residing in Fall River, and handled by Frankie Hennessey, has racked up a long string of victories in New England rings.

Eddie Shapiro, Worcester matchmaker, is packing them in at the Auditorium.

This writer is booking Eddie Ross, light-heavy, Nick Melnick, middleweight, Eddie "Killer" Steele, middle, Irish Johnny Rowe, welter, and Bobby Simmons, welter.

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Results of the month:

R. I. Auditorium: Dennis "Pat" Brady, Bronx, N. Y., beat Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J,. in a ten round split decision.

Eddie Soares, Providence, beat Johnny Walker, Philadelphia, in eight. Jackie Wilson, Quincy, K.O.'ed Eddie York in three.

R. I. Auditorium: Danny Martin, Newark, beat Carmine Lato, in ten. George Ross, Boston, stopped Hal Meredith, in eight. Pete Louthis, Providence, beat Ross Strickland, in ten.

R. I. Auditorium: Danny Martin, Newark, beat Gene Farland, Providence, on a TKO in eight. Jerry Mekler, New York, beat Frankie Duane, Newark, in eight. Mike Resto, Newark, stopped Eddie Richmond, in one. Steve Marcello, Providence, stopped Ed Richardson in 3.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

FERNANDO GAGNON, rated in sixth position among the first ten bantams in the world, is scheduled to appear in one of the shows to be held at the Notre Dame arena this summer. Captain Leo Bouchard, Fernando's manager, promised the writer that he would show his protege on a card at Berlin as soon as the match can be arranged. The captain, a former physical instructor in the Canadian Army, is very interested in obtaining a bout against Earl Roys of Bristol, Conn. In recent bouts, the little Canadian bantam and featherweight champion, won over Frank Pucci at Montreal and Johnny Don Garcia at Quebec City.

The services of Gagnon are available by contacting the writer and several other boys from Canada are being represented here ranging from 112 to 200 pounds.

Dom Sinibaldi, 146, Berlin, N. H., scored a 10-round victory over Jimmy Dinardo, also of Berlin, at the Manchester, N. H., Recreation Center in the first bout of a robin hood tournament to determine the welterweight champion of the Granite State.

The top semi-final was between Pat Dyer, 141, Berlin, and Jim Pouliot, 142, of Somersworth, N. H. It ended in a technical knockout in two minutes of the fifth round of a scheduled sixer. In the other six-rounder, Young Leo, 141, of Lowell, Mass., and Eddie Mason, 139, also of Lowell, went o a draw.

Results of the preliminaries: Tony Junior, 142, Berlin, kayoed Billy Graham, 142, Lowell, in 1:28 of the first round. Mel Chase, 112, of Somersworth and Jerry Gagnon, 113, of Nashua, fought a four-round draw. A fair-sized crowd attended this presentation under the direction of E. Allard of the Queen City.

Mike Saad (Ryan) of Manchester turned back Pat Monahan of Derry, N. H., via the technical kayo route in two minutes and 31 seconds of the sixth round in the main 10 rounder before 600 fans. It was Saad all the way scoring several knockdowns before the referee ordered a halt to the bout.

In another ten-rounder, Floriant Desmarais, 134, of Manchester, current lightweight champ of New Hampshire, captured a split decision over the Blond Tiger, 130, of Lowell, Mass. Desmarais, ex-lightweight king of New England, floored the Tiger for a count of eight in the third round, but the latter weathered the storm through cunning boxing ability and classy footwork.

In the opening preliminary, Tommy Brennan, 130, of Lowell, scored a TKO win over Al Maher, 129, also of Lowell, in the second round. Al Labrie, 122, of Manchester won a unanimous four-round decision over Ernie Mason, 122, of Lowell, Mass. The above matches were held at the Recreation Center of Manchester.

By the time this is in the hands of the readers of THE RING the Notre Dame Arena of Berlin, N. H., will be operating bi-monthly at this new spacious indoor sports center which had opened earlier this year for ice hockey and enjoyed a most successful season! Local boys will be featured at this club in order to develop talent from this neck of the woods and in time it is expected that fighters from the White Mountains of New Hampshire will become nationally known figures.

Anyone wishing to take part in some of the shows are requested to contact the writer who has been named matchmaker of the newly formed Berlin Boxing Enterprises of the Notre Dame Arena at Berlin, N. H. All communications, either to the promoter, Eddie Desilets or myself, Ralph G. Peloquin, should be addressed to: c/o Berlin News Bureau, 236 Main Street, Berlin, N. H.

At present the leading fighters of this area are: Dom Sinibaldi, Jimmy Dinardo, Pat Dyer, Edgar KO Perrault, Tony Junior, Johnny Donato, Omer Roy and Dick Bergeron. Several others are expected to compete from towns such as Lancaster, Groveton, Colebrook, Whitefield, North Stratford, Laconia and possibly Gorham.

BOXING SHAVINGS—Edgar KO Perrault started campaigning again . . . . His first battle was against Kid Brannen of Lowell, Mass. He knocked Brannen out and the following week he fought at Lewiston, Me., against Willie Leo of Portland and earned a hard fought draw. Both these boys have one victory over each other . . . . Omer Roy is back in training and might appear in some shows at the Notre Dame arena. Omer is a 150 pounder and has a lot of experience being in the game for a good number of years . . . . Buy THE RING at your nearest newsstand on sale monthly. Be with you again next month. "Au Revoir."

BUFFALO, N. Y.

By HUGH SHANNON

THE Fairview club's card of four ten-round bouts and a four, staged at Memorial Auditorium, provided a lot of fireworks and some surprises.

First, Lee Savold K.O.'ed Buddy Walker in the first round. The terrific smash that sent Walker down was lethal and emphasizes the fact that Savold is in great condition.

Al Baldesino, Niagara Falls lightweight, was K.O.'ed in the seventh round by fiery Lou Cassiano of the Bronx, New York. It was Cassiano's fight from the start.

Livio Minelli scored a T.K.O. over George Smith of Haverstraw in six and Allen Faulkner fought a rousing draw with George (Wildcat) Henry of Puerto Rico.

Henry (Snow) Flake, rising young Buffalo Negro heavyweight, who K.O.'ed Pat Comiskey and Angelo Sotillo, is now in good hands. He has signed a contract with Dudo Parisi, hustling young manager who formerly trained Lou Scozza.

Joe Muscato announces that he is through with the fight game and will go into business. His knockout at the hands of Johnny Flynn in Rochester convinced Joe that it was time to put away his gloves. Johnny Green's recent eye operation will probably end his boxing career.

Allen Faulkner, Buffalo Negro middleweight, is vastly improved since returning home from the Pacific coast. His win over O'Neill Bell was a good one and his latest battle, a draw with the cagey George (Wildcat) Henry, shows Faulkner's mettle.

The muddle of relations between Phil Muscato and Guy Sulpi deepens. First, Phil quit Sulpi's management and then the boxer and his mentor made up. Now comes the word from Phil that he is definitely through with Sulpi and will do no more fighting until his contract ends, which is ten months from now. Meanwhile, Jack Singer, promoter for the Hudson club, is sweating. Jack had Muscato and Joe Matisi rematched.

Marty Monforte made a big mistake when he "ran out" on Uncle Bert Finch, the smartest boxing man in town. Uncle treated Marty like a son, taught him a lot and nurtured him carefully. Such is the ungrateful way of man.

Charlie Pinto is trying to pair Lee Savold with Ezzard Charles, the great Cincinnati light-heavy.

Wrestling—Frank Sexton and Maurice Tillet (The Angel) wrestled before a crowd of 10,800 at the Upstate Athletic Club in Memorial Auditorium. It was a match packed full of action and went over 30 minutes before Sexton won. . . . Don George is bringing Gorgeous George, the Pacific coast sensation, to these parts.

Here and There—Johnny Toth, 290-pound manager, will take Prentice Hall west for bouts in Denver and San Francisco. . . . Toth's great lightweight, Tommy Stenhouse, is in Australia to fight Vic Patrick, Australian champion, in Sydney. . . . Stenhouse should win this one. . . . Pete Zaduk, Toronto middleweight, well known in Buffalo, won a decision in ten rounds over Len Wadsworth, Canadian middleweight champion, at Kitchener, Ont. The title was not at stake as the Canadian Federation insists on 12 or 15-round matches for championships.

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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND. Next month will see the start of the outdoor season, and it promises to be the biggest in years, with clubs running in Newark, Union City, Trenton, Vineland, Camden, Elizabeth, Atlantic City, Long Branch, and Asbury Park. Led by the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale middleweight title bout in Ruppert Stadium, Newark, June 9th. . . . Local boys who showed good form in the National A.A.U. matches at Boston were Billy Morgan of Newark who won the 118 lb. title and Mike Franco of Jersey City who lost in the semi-final of the 175 lb. class. Ernie Kerber, Jersey City lightweight, has joined the U.S. Marines and is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C. World's Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich has been engaging in a very successful exhibition tour before leaving for England to defend his title against Freddie Mills.

Maxie Fisher, colorful Newark lightweight of a few years back, is operating a very successful chain of cleaning stores through Northern New Jersey. Lee Savold, Paterson heavyweight, K.O.'ed Buddy Walker in 0.44 of the first round. In his last two bouts Lee has won both in a total of 98 seconds; not bad for an old man.

BEST NEW JERSEY PROSPECT OF THE MONTH. Joey Gabriele, young Orange featherweight, who is undefeated in 11 bouts. Joey is a boxer with a hard punch in either hand. He is handled by Allie Stolz and Tony Marselli.

RESULTS OF THE MONTH. Atlantic City. James (Bee Bee) Wright, 147, Harrisburg, Pa., had too much class for game Don Ellis, 152, Atlantic City, and won a clean eight round decision, but had a lot more trouble than expected. Billy Gray, 123, Harrisburg, outslugged Artie Vernon, 126, Philadelphia, in 6; Harvey Turner, 158, Philadelphia, stopped Al Bruce, 152, Atlantic City, in 1; Vince Sabatini, 139, Atlantic City, knockout kid, had to come off the floor to stop Freddie Cavanaugh, 141, Philadelphia, in 2; Gene Bennett, 139, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Frankie Hall, 140, Philadelphia, in 2.

Leroy Coleman, 151, Lodi, easily outpointed Primos Cutler, 150, Riverside, in eight fast rounds. Cutler was down for nine in the fifth. Jimmy Milligan, 152, Haskill, outpointed Malcolm Gaines, 150, Atlantic City, in 6; Julius Reed, 135, Atlantic City, and Mike Trinidad, 133, Philadelphia, drew in 6; Carey Saxon, 126, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Walter Hudson, 122, Philadelphia, in 3; Lee Davis, 152, Atlantic City, drew with James J. McCombs, 158, Philadelphia, in 4.

Joe Tate, 160, Philadelphia, battered Floyd Stephany, 162, also from Philadelphia, to win the main eight. Stephany was down twice in the second round. Vernon Williams, 170, Atlantic City, won a slow decision over the veteran, Walter (Speedy) Duval, 168, Philadelphia, six rounds. Jimmy Green, 133, Philadelphia, outslugged Duke Pressley, 135, Camden, in 6; Vince Sabatini, 137, Atlantic City, stopped Joe Williams, 132, Philadelphia, in 2; Steve Lawrence, 133, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Jackie Travis, 136, Camden, in 2.

Percy Bassett, 128, Philadelphia comer, easily whipped Baby Ray Jones, 131, Scranton, in 8. Eddie Holtz, 141, Atlantic City, outpointed Leon Broxton, 142, Philadelphia, in 6; Artie Argenti, 130, Trenton, K.O.'ed Johnny Williams, 131, Philadelphia, in 2; Lee Davis, 153, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed James J. McCombs, 158, Philadelphia, in 2; Walter Johnson, 147, Philadelphia, whipped Jimmy Swan, 143, Atlantic City, in 6.

At Newark Laurel Garden. Mike DeCosmo, 143, Elizabeth southpaw, won a dull ten round decision from Joe DeMartino, 150, Bridgeport, Conn. DeMartino showed very little but a running defense. Joey Gabriele, 127, Orange, whipped Paul Jones, 130, Trenton, in 4; Johnny Breeze, 124, Paterson, whipped Russ Davis, 125, Trenton, in 4; Tommy Parks, 150, Roselle Park, beat Johnny Wells, 150, Trenton, in 5; Johnny Silva, 141, Newark, drew with John Buglino, 141, Garfield, in 4.

Willie Brown, 187, New Yorker, was too smart for Agostinto Guedes, 188, Lisbon, Portugal, and won as he pleased in the main eight. After a slow start Jimmy Holden, 182, Elizabeth, and Willis (Red) Applegate slugged to an 8 round draw; Freely (Whirlwind) Whetstone, 182, Staten Island, K.O.'ed Les Carter, 202, Long Branch, in 2; Steve Klepis, 157, Paterson southpaw, stopped Obediah Glover, 159, Trenton, in 2. Steve scored three knockdowns. Angel Martinez, 176, Newark, defeated Frank Gilly, 178, Allentown, in 4.

After six slow and uninteresting rounds Archie Moore, 172, St. Louis, rated fourth in the light-heavyweight division, showed the fans and young Doc Williams, 165, Mahwah, why he is so highly rated by dropping Doc three times and then halting him in 2:23 of the seventh round. Elkins Brothers, 192, Washington, D. C., was on his way to a win over Jimmy Freeman, 204, New York, when he suffered a bad cut over his left eye in the second round. Russ Davis, 122, Trenton, won a close one from Mike Della, 126, Bayonne, in 4. Armand Flora, 140, Newark, beat Freddy Pedriera, 144, Staten Island, in 4. Hank Watkins, 165, Red Bank, drew with Charlie Brown, 159, Harlem, in 4.

Shamus McCray, 145, Cleveland, spoiled the ring return of Aaron Perry, 150, Washington, D. C., in a fast ten rounder. Joe Gabriele, 127, Orange, K.O.'ed Mike Della, Bayonne, in 2:12 of 1. Steve Klepsis, 157, Paterson southpaw, decisioned Johnny Wells, 155, Trenton, in 5. Jackie Savage, 143, Elizabeth, scored over Johnny Silva, 144, Newark, in 4. Tony Cimmino, 147, Bayonne, looked good in beating Dick Cannady, 146, of Newark in 4.

Laurie Buxton, 144, London, England, dropped Jimmy Collins, 146, Baltimore, three times to stop him in 1.54 of the first. Johnny Darby, 147, Paterson, K.O.'ed Tommy Thomas, 146, Montclair, in 0:23 of 5. Russ Davis, 120, Trenton, stopped Johnny Breeze, 122, Paterson, in the 2nd due to a cut eye. Sammy LaPotta, 147, Belleville, whipped Freddy Pedriera, 147, Staten Island, in 4. Teddy Testa, 130, Bloomfield, got a gift over Billy Muth, 127, Elizabeth, in 4.

Trenton. Jimmy Green, 141, Trenton, scored one of the year's biggest upsets by outpointing Al Mobley, 150, Newark, in eight thrill packed rounds. Johnny Ware, 154, Princeton, scored over Joey Aurillo, 158, Darby, Pa., in 6. Joe was down in the fifth. Artie Argenti, 134, Trenton, and Ralph Morales, 134, Camden, fought six fast rounds to a draw. Charley Howley, 157, Chester, Pa., defeated Lee Curley, 163, Trenton, in 4. Obediah Glover, 158, Trenton, beat Preston Gordy, 158, Chester, N. J., in 4.

Archie Devino, 127, Newark, scored the harder punches while Gurney Van Hook, 126, Philadelphia, scored the most so they ended all even after eight good rounds. Billy Wyatt, 147, Trenton, came off the floor to K.O. Joe McCloskey, 141, Camden, 2:25, 2. Bernie Peters, 127, Philadelphia, won over Georgie Knox, 130, Newark, in 6. Billy Robb, 128, beat Merrill Matthews, 133, and Bob Johnson, 140, scored Solly Wirtshafter, 147, all four of the boys being from Philadelphia.

Al Mobley, 147, Newark, battered Jimmy Green, 143, Trenton, from start to finish to gain revenge for his upset loss of two weeks ago. There were no knockdowns, but only Jimmy's heart carried him through. Johnny Ware, 154, Princeton, whipped Edgar Greenwood, 159, Harlem, in 6. Sipio Lofton, 165, Newark, upset Don Hossock, 162, Paterson southpaw, in 6. Billy Robb, 126, Philadelphia, beat Les Young, 127, Philadelphia, 4. Jerry Scriven, 120, Trenton, K.O.'ed Norman Alfonzo, 115, in 1.

James (Bee Bee) Wright won his second Jersey bout of the month by defeating Van Butler, 155, Trenton, in 8. Wright, 149, is from Harrisburg. Gene Joyce, 134, Philadelphia, whipped Lucian Cooper, 137, Philadelphia, in 6. Russ Davis, 119, Trenton, halted Joe Cuccinotto, 118, Philadelphia, in 3. Billy Robb, 127, Philadelphia, made three in a row here by kayoing Joe Williams, 132, Philadelphia, in 1. Clarence Smith, 162, Philadelphia, won from Lee Curley, 164, Trenton, in 4.

Al Mobley, 149, Newark, scored one of his best wins to date by stopping Bobby Mann, 148, Trenton, at the end of three rounds. Sipio Lofton, 165, Newark, again took the measure of Don Hossock, 163, Paterson, in 6. Bobby Green, 131, Philadelphia, outpointed Billy Liggett, 125, Trenton, in 6. Vince McGuire, 132, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Stokes Thomas, 135, Newark, in 0:20 of 1. Bobby Nonnan, 147, Newark, K.O.'ed Robert Baugh, 142, of Camden in 4.

At Jersey City Gardens: Guillermo Roberti, 132, Naples, Italy, scored a big upset by outpointing Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 133, after six fast rounds. Felix Redundo, 132, scored over his Bayonne rival Mike Della, 126, in 6. Tommy Kaczmarek, 126, Elizabeth, defeated Paul Figouri, 122, Brooklyn, in 6. Freddie Smith, 133, New York, K.O.'ed Vinnie McGuire, 136, Jersey City, in 2. Terry Tenore, 143, Hoboken, K.O.'ed Sam Wilson, 146, Philadelphia, in 1. Tony Cimmino, 148, Bayonne, halted Mickey Oliver, 152, Long Branch, in 1.

Joe Chesul, 180, Bayonne, boxed his way to a lopsided win over James Johnson, a slow moving New Yorker, in 6. Johnson, who weighed 175, lost every round. Russell Richter, 153, Paterson, barely decisioned Teddy DiGiamno, 155, North Bergen, in 6. Dick Lee, 187, Harlem, K.O.'ed Tony DiGaccio, 206, North Bergen, in 3. Eddie Marmo, 152, Paterson, won from Al Lockman, 146, N.Y.C., in 4. J. D. Kirkpatrick, 168, Cliffside Park, K.O.'ed Bob Johnson, 170, Brooklyn, in 2. Billy Henderson, 131, Cliffside Park, flattened Matty McClain, 128, Newark, in 1.

Tippy Larkin, 144 jr. welterweight champion of the world, from Garfield, played with Joe Lucignano, 147, Hoboken, in the ten round feature. The Garfield Gunner could have scored a knockout if he had tried but Tippy was just out for the exercise. Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 130, Bayonne, won from Tommy Kaczmarek, 125, Elizabeth, in 6. Felix Retundo, 133, Bayonne, scored over Billy Miller, 129, Jamaica, L. I., in 6. Billy Feeney, 147, Bayonne, won over Johnny Silva, 142, Newark, in 6. Terry Tenore, 142, Hoboken, K.O.'ed Tony Pellizzi, 145, Ozone Park, L. I., in 1. Tony Forte, 137, Bronx, K.O.'ed Vinnie McGuire, 136, Jersey City, 2.

Tony Riccio, 152, Bayonne, boxed his way to an easy 10 round victory over Joe Reddick, 158, of Paterson. Johnny (Red) DeFazio K.O.'ed Willie King, 138, Harlem, in 4. It was Johnny's 18th win in 20 starts. Artie Levine, 134, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Noel Mathews, 132, N.Y.C., in 4. Johnny Williams, 160, Passaic, stopped Wally Kurtz, 165, in 3. Terry Tenore, 143, Hoboken, K.O.'ed Billy Ellis, 144, N.Y.C., in 2. Tony Forte, 135, Bronx, halted Lou Woods, 133, Kenilwood, in 3.

Russell Ritchter, 150, Paterson, halted Teddy DiGiamno, 155, North Bergen, in 1:12 of the second. Billy Feeney, 142, Bayonne, halted Ozzie Cooper, 139, Pittsburgh, in 1:57 of the fourth in the semi-final. Conny Harnett, 143, Jersey City, K.O.'ed Rufus Spencer, 141, Bronx, in 1. Al Bowers, 112, Paterson, scored over Tony Celeca, 115, Jersey City, 4. Tony (Terry) Tenore, 143, promising Hobokenite, halted Sam Wilson, 146, Philadelphia, 1.35 of 1. Jimmy Bearden, 154, Astoria, L. I., scored two knockdowns in whipping Henry Pina, 147, N.Y.C., 4. Mike Della, 126, Bayonne, defeated Joe Gonzales, 129, Puerto Rico, in 4.

At Vineland: Vernon Williams, 168, Atlantic City, upset Cleve Baily, 168, Vineland, in eight rounds. Baily was down for eight in the third and fifth rounds. Mickey Marchanivey, 130, Vineland, won a close bout from Steve Lawrence, 132, Atlantic City, in 4.

LAST MINUTE FLASHES: Freddy Russo won an easy fight from New England Lightweight Champ Jackie Webber in Providence. While it is on my mind I would like to predict that Jersey Joe Walcott will win the heavyweight title back for New Jersey when he meets Joe Louis come June 23rd.

Will all unattached fighters looking for eastern work contact me at my address: 145 Kensington Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

ADDITIONAL BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

REALLY how good is Frankie Fernandez? It's difficut to pass judgment on the territorial welterweight champion by his past performances for the simple reason that most of his opponents have been vastly inferior to him in punching power, boxing ability and even speed, thereby making most of his battles against them almost no-contest affairs. A big man for his weight, Frankie has finished punchers like Frankie Moore, who was really too small for him, and against the bigger boys, strictly boxers like Joey Barnum and Roman Alvarez, Frankie has been simply murderous. What would happen when Frankie meets a puncher about his size is something Honolulu fans are waiting for.

But regardless of the worth of his past opponents, there is no denying the fact that Frankie Fernandez is a great fighter, probably the greatest produced in the Islands, and local fans stand steadfast in their belief that he is now ready for the topnotchers. The only possible exception is Ray Robinson.

Looking better than he did in his last four outings, Frankie Fernandez, 143½, floored Bobby Yaeger, 142, four times before putting on the finisher in 2:27 of the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round fight held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium. The end came suddenly just when Yaeger seemed to have recovered fully from the punches and knockdowns of the earlier rounds. Fernandez' left and right to the jaw caught Yaeger coming in, causing the Negro welter to fall face forward and he had to be carried to his corner even after the ten count had been tolled.

Even from the first round when Frankie dropped the Negro battler with a right to the jaw, there was absolutely no doubt as to who was the superior fighter.

The third round saw Yaeger go down three times but he managed to stay out of range for a few seconds after each knockdown.

In the fifth the two fighters collided in mid-ring, causing a deep gash on Fernandez' forehead, from which he bled profusely.

Yaeger made his bid in the sixth but the best he could do was to land a couple of left hooks to Frankie's jaw. These punches didn't seem to bother the Puerto Rican fighter at all. He merely shook his head and came back fighting more furiously than ever.

6701 fans paid $16,915.00 to witness the fight, which was promoted by Augie Curtis.

Other results: Gus Rosa, 119, T.K.O.'ed Marce Totor, 118½, in the fifth of six. Tiger Rosa, 116½, decisioned Walter Chung, 115¼, in four. Shangy Tsukano, 149, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Johnson, 114¾, in the first. Freddy Gonsalves, 129¾, T.K.O.'ed Dennis Telles, 130½, in the first.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

ARAGON GARDENS: Sammy Mastrean, 145, rapidly rising local lightweight, outpointed Candy McDaniels, 146, of Cincinnati, to win the unanimous decision in the ten round feature attraction.

Mastrean, a hard-hitting youngster with plenty of class, has been brought along carefully by his manager, John Conley.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final, jolting Joe Kezele, 146, Warren, Ohio, floored Milton Ashford, 148, Rankin, Pa., for nine in the third round, and when Ashford regained his feet in a dazed condition, the referee halted the contest after one minute and 35 seconds, awarding Kezele the T.K.O. victory.

Art Williams, 191, Pittsburgh, floored Joe Mason, 192, Pittsburgh, for nine in round three, couldn't knock him out and had to be content with a unanimous decision in another six.

Joe Modzele, 170, New Kensington, Pa., scored a T.K.O. over Jack Stauffer, 172, Steubenville, Ohio, in two minutes 20 seconds of round one of a scheduled four. Irish Jack O'Rourke, 161, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous verdict over Nate Smith, 156, Pittsburgh, in the four round opener.

The show was a sell-out.

Aragon Gardens: Jackie Armitage, 149, was down for nine in the first round but came out strong in the second to kayo Willard Coffey, 149, of Huntington, W. Va., in two minutes 25 seconds. Jackie has fooled a lot of fans who thought he was through, not only by coming back but by bringing with him a terrific right hand he has heretofore never possessed.

After a slow start Richie Callura, 136, Pittsburgh, turned on the power and easily walked off with the unanimous decision over Jackie Eisenberger, 135, Pittsburgh, in the six round semi-final.

Irish Jack O'Rourke, 165, Pittsburgh, was very aggressive in hammering out a popular verdict over Ossie Neal, 164, Pittsburgh, in another six.

Jackie Watkins, 131, Homestead, Pa., a Fritzie Zivic protege, displayed a very good right hand by kayoing Jack Sharpe, 129, Pittsburgh, in two minutes 45 seconds of the first round of a scheduled four.

Billy Malone, 152, Pittsburgh, was down for nine in the second round, but came back strong enough to garner a split decision over Willie Guy, 148, New Kensington, Pa., in the four round curtain-raiser.

Aragon Gardens: Juste Fontaine, 137, local lightweight slugger, proved that he is really on his way back by decisively defeating rugged young Sammy Mastrean, 138, of Pittsburgh, in the ten round feature attraction. Fontaine's slashing left hooks to the body took a lot of steam out of Sammy, but the Northside youngster kept on slugging away for the entire ten rounds.

In the scheduled six round semi-final, Billy Squall, 149, Pittsburgh, kayoed Rad Minko, 145, Charleroi, Pa., in one minute 55 seconds of the first round with a terrific right to the jaw.

Ronnie Delaney, 137, Akron, Ohio, won by a knockout over Buddy Samarco, 138, Pittsburgh, in two minutes 30 seconds of the first round of a scheduled six. Samarco was on one knee as the count reached three, but was confused by the count, and did not rise until the referee had counted ten.

Joe Modzele, 174, New Kensington, Pa., scored a knockout over J. D. Harvey, 176, Pittsburgh, in two minutes 2 seconds of round one of a scheduled four.

Steve Nitchy, 170, Charleroi, Pa., won a split decision over Gene Polecretti, 168, Sharpsburg, Pa., in the four round opener.

The Gardens: The final show of the indoor season at the Gardens was one that will long be remembered. In the ten round main event on this Rooney-McGinley Club Show, Lee Sala, 160, popular local middleweight, won the split decision over the veteran Sonny Horne, 164, of Niles, Ohio. Midway in the final stanza, Sala opened a cut over Horne's right eye and the claret flowed profusely. Referee Sesto voted Horne the winner but the judges both agreed on Sala because of the comfortable lead he had compiled in the early rounds. Lee seemed to slow up in the later rounds, and his footwork left much to be desired. Horne, on the other hand, was the aggressor throughout forcing the fight all the way.

Rudy Zadele, 145, Akron, upset the dope by coming from behind to win the unanimous decision over Joe Kezele, 147, Warren, Ohio, in the six round semi-final.

Popular young Richie Callura, 135, Pittsburgh, gained the unanimous decision over wily Billy Gillian, 133, Homestead, Pa., in a six rounder. Of the younger crop of local fighters, Callura is by far the finest prospect.

Al Gaulteri, 136, Washington, Pa., decisively defeated Paddy Hill, 139, Monaca, Pa., in another six.

Johnny Izzo, 160, New Castle, Pa., kept busy all the way to win a split verdict over Sonny Marsh, 154, Akron, Ohio, in a four.

Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 142, McKeesport, Pa., looked good winning the unanimous decision over Clay Milliron, 141, Akron, Ohio, in the opening four rounder.

Aragon Gardens: Juste Fontaine, 138, popular local lightweight, started on a comeback trail at the Aragon Gardens and after ten very bruising rounds, eked out a decision over Dave Marsh, 133, of Akron. The hard punching Fritzie Zivic protege, after a layoff of several months, found the first five rounds the toughest of his entire career. His timing was poor and he had trouble breathing, but in the sixth round he started to move. Devastating left hooks to the body dropped Marsh for a nine count in the sixth and a three count in the eighth. It will take a couple more ten rounders to determine whether or not Juste can regain his former status.

Milton Ashford, 151, Rankin, Pa., won a decisive victory over Billy Partin, 152, Akron, in the six round semi-final.

Billy Gillian, 133, Homestead, Pa., boxed superbly in defeating Jackie Eisenberger, 130, Pittsburgh, by way of a unanimous decision in another six.

Chuck Gibbons, 149, Ellwood City, Pa., kayoed Willie Guy, 150, New Kensington, Pa., in 1:30 of round two of a scheduled four.

Billy Malone, 150, Pittsburgh, and Jackie Botnovich, 149, Rochester, Pa., fought to a draw in the four round opener. As usual, a capacity crowd attended.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

IN a Pier 6 slugfest that had fans continually on their feet, cheering both contestants lustily, Pete Mead, 160½, Grand Rapids, Mich., won a unanimous ten round decision over Tough Tony Masciarelli, 159¾, New York, at the Coliseum. A small crowd of only 2,731 turned out for the battle, paying $4,415.00 to see one of the best fights of the year!

Mead scored flash knockdowns in the first and second rounds. Masciarelli had Mead in trouble a couple of times during the ten rounds, but Mead, a sharper, cleaner puncher, slugged his way out.

The show, promoted by the Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., was a good one from beginning to end with fireworks plentiful in the prelims, as well as the windup. Tony Jess, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 175, was awarded a split decision over Jackie Turner, 185, Rome, in a give-and-take six round semi-final. Tony Baldoni, 147, Wilkes-Barre, won from Mel Williams, Rome, in a hard fought six round go. Johnny Kaufman, 147, Rochester's new kayo specialist, added another victory to his record when he flattened Teddy Pritchard, 147, New York, in the first round with a barrage of lefts and rights to the jaw.

Eddie Fisher, 150, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., took home a split decision over Willie Giano, 152, Rochester, in a four round slugging bee. Taylor Buchanan, 140, Cleveland, made short work of Ollie Brewster, 135, Rome, when he scored a two round TKO.

A crowd of 3,512 paid gross receipts of $5,728 into the Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., ticket wickets to see Mickey Savage, 143½, Detroit, in a ten-round sockfest from Cliff Hart, 149, Syracuse's Blond Bomber.

The scheduled eight round semi-final started out as if it was going to be a whale of a fight but it went only two minutes in the first round, when Wylie Burns, 169, Philadelphia, won on a TKO over Bernie Cummings, 166, Burlington, Vt. In one of the best bouts between featherweights seen here in years, Billy Gillard, 127, Philadelphia, earned a hard fought decision over Clem Custer, 130, Detroit, in six rounds. Gillard's educated left proved too much for Custer, although Clem never stopped firing.

Hugh Sublett, 135½, Detroit, outpointed Charley Banks, 138, Buffalo, in six; while Mel Williams, 147, Rome, knocked out Joe Brown, 142, Detroit, in the first round of the scheduled four round opening bout.

Returning to Syracuse for a second appearance, Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, 161, Pittsburgh, scored a technical knockout over Cliff Beckett, 156, Toronto, in the eighth round of the scheduled ten round windup. A crowd of 2,800 fans paid $3,800 to see the go. Beckett was a short notice substitute for Joey DeJohn who was ailing with an ulcerated tooth.

Joey Kushner, 127, Syracuse, left-handed his way to victory over Jimmy Ricco, Baltimore, 130, in the eight round semi-final. Hugo Bonacci, 158, Syracuse's slugging dynamo, knocked out Willie Randolph, 170, Albany, in the first round of a scheduled six. Rickey Miller, 152½, Buffalo, chalked up his 19th straight win by belting out Manuel Rosa, 154, Baltimore, in the first round of what was to have been a six. Phil Palumbo, 131½, Scranton, was awarded the nod over Billy Carpenter, 131¼, Elmira, in the four round curtain-tilter. The show was staged by the Central City A.C., Inc., at the Coliseum.

LEFT-HOOKS: Eddie Gallagher, matchmaker for the Syracuse Sporting Club, Inc., can be reached at his office, 269 James St., Syracuse, N. Y., by fighters or their managers . . . . Boxing is going bigger and better than ever and good fighters can obtain some nice purses here . . . . Mike Mazurki, the screen-villain lost to Sky Hi Lee in a spectacular wrestling match at the Coliseum . . . . Mazurki grappled Ed Don George for us on our first mat card several years ago when he was en route to the coast . . . . Pedro Martinez and George operate the grunt and groan industry here . . . . Nick Barone has improved wonderfully since Henny Andrews commissioned Nick Florio to train him . . . . Incidentally, Andrews and Cliff Hart have parted company . . . . Henny did not take his cut from Hart's purse for the Savage-Hart scrap . . . . Cliff has gone back to Dutch Stemmer, who started him . . . . Pete Mead really gives the fans a run for their money when he goes into action . . . . Pete never stopped punching in his thriller with Tony Masciarelli . . . . Syracuse Sporting Club, Louis Leon's fistic organization, hopes to operate indoors at the Coliseum all summer . . . . The Central City club will go outdoors at MacArthur Stadium next month.

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PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD
By JOHN L. HABIB

A VERY large crowd of approximately five thousand turned out to view Promoter Harry Cook's boxing card which took place at the New Mucurapo Stadium.

In the main event Jota Jota Fernandez, 159, and Cyril "Easy Boy" Francis, 158, ended in a point decision in favor of "Easy Boy" Francis. "Easy Boy" Francis, uncrowned middleweight champion of Trinidad, put himself into the bright spots of boxing when he convincingly outpointed the hard hitting Venezuelan champ over ten rounds. The Venezuelan, who crashed Bull Gilkes and Gentle Daniel to the resin with his noted jolting short rights some years ago, put up a disappointing show and was in difficulties especially in the fifth and eighth rounds.

In another 10 round semi-final, Lawrence "Sudro" Assam defeated Fighting Bailey on points. Assam seems to be a promising boxer. About two or three years ago, Assam lost to Bailey on points but now the table has turned in favor of Assam. This semi-final fight was the best of the night. Assam had Bailey all over the ring with lefts and rights. In the sixth round both men were in a real fighting mood as they exchanged leather dynamite. Southpaw Assam turned out to be the better man as referee Juan Reece lifted his hand after ten hectic rounds.

Assam scaled 144 to Bailey's 143.

In a preliminary bout, Gerald Wilds, 130½, fought to a draw with Kenneth Greaves, 133, in a six rounder.

Cecil Marcel outpointed Fenrick La Borde, each weighing 153, in another preliminary over a similar distance.

AROUND THE OREGON RINGS
By WOODY WILLIS

BOSTON, MASS.—The seven-man Oregon delegation to the National A.A.U. Boxing Championships held annually at the Boston Garden were eliminated from the three-day tournament at the conclusion of the second night of semi-pure fistic action. The Oregon State A.A.U. titleholders fared as follows: Bantamweight Melvin Eagleman and Featherweight Arlen Gallaher won their bouts in the first round of eliminations, but dropped decisions in their second tests. Lightweight Verle Baarstad, Welterweight Dick Weldon and Light-Heavyweight Pat Walsh drew "byes" the opening night and all met defeat the second night, Baarstad by a kayo. Flyweight Jerry Denson and Heavyweight Chuck Maxson lost their opening contests. Middleweight Sylvester Armstrong did not make the trip. Accompanying the team were Coach Jim Coffel, JCC tutor; Jimmy Richardson, A.A.U. and Olympic boxing team committeeman, and Ed Potter, Oregon A.A.U. chairman.

Portland Auditorium—Pacific Coast Heavyweight Champion Joe Kahut proved too rugged for Tacoma's Roy Hawkins in a bruising ten-round non-title brawl. The Woodburn boy slashed and slugged the courageous Hawkins the entire distance and won a unanimous decision. Hawkins had the weight edge, 191½ to 187¼.

In the scheduled six-round semi-final Jack Chase, 175½, wily Negro and trainer of Roy Hawkins, battered Johnny Janis, 192, Chicago heavyweight, into submission in the second round.

Jesse Hall, 191½, Los Angeles, decisioned Dave Davey, Tacoma heavyweight, in six rounds. Big Bill Little, 215, Tacoma, decisioned Tiger Si Jones, 190, Portland, in four. Bob Hill, 185, Klamath Falls, kayoed Johnny Bearnose, 187, Seattle Indian, in the second. The all-heavyweight card was witnessed by 4668 patrons who paid $17,495.

Salem Armory—Chuck Brown, 138, fast rising Portland lightweight, stopped Dick Wolfe, 141, Klamath Falls, in 2:13 of the eighth round in a scheduled ten-round main event. Dick Abney, 158, Salem, decisioned Johnny O'Day, 157, Portland, in six rounds. In four-round prelims, Dean Abney, 141, Salem, decisioned Ray Garcia, 145, Denver; Howard Mendenhall, 148, Salem, decisioned Lou Ballard, 145, Boise, and Rod McDowell, 142, Salem, stopped Frank Shu, 145, Portland, in the first.

Tillamook Armory—Dick Abney, 160, Salem, kayoed Johnny O'Day, 158, Portland, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight. Dick Wolfe, 145, Klamath Falls, decisioned Dean Abney, 148, Salem, in the six-round semi-final. Ray Garcia, 145, Portland, and Howard Mendenhall, 148, Salem, fought to a six-round draw, as did Rod McDowell, 142, Salem, and Johnny Rilotas, 143, Manila, in four rounds. Carl Bazer, 135, Tillamook, decisioned Chris Holmes, 136, Salem, in four rounds, and Dick (Bellhop) Lilly, 160, Tillamook, kayoed Jack Walters, 158, Vancouver, Wash., in round one of a scheduled four. Matchmaker was Wiley Spivey.

Portland Auditorium—Displaying the endurance and punching power that have gained him national prominence as world bantamweight champion, Manuel Ortiz, Mexican mauler from El Centro, California, kayoed Irish Joey Dolan of Spokane, Wash., in six fast rounds of furious action. Referee Ralph Gruman stopped the non-title contest at the conclusion of the sixth stanza after the Irish gamester had been decked twice in the preceding round. The first four rounds saw the frail-looking Dolan outbox the champion and in the fifth round he elected to stand and slug with Ortiz. But in the sixth the champ unleashed his attack, smashing his cocky opponent to the canvas for a nine-count. Dolan miraculously arose only to be floored again. The bell sounded at the count of five and under orders of the commission physician Gruman stopped the bout. Weights were 126 for Dolan and 123½ for Ortiz.

In the eight-round semi-windup Chuck Brown, 139, Portland, took a sound beating at the hands of clever, sharp-shooting Leroy Willis, 139¾-pound San Francisco Negro, being kayoed in the sixth. The three four-round prelims ended as follows: Billy Carnegie, 193, Portland, stopped Johnny Rilotas, 145, Manila, in round four; Tiger Si Jones, 185, Portland, stopped Bob Hill, 185, Klamath Falls, when Hill was unable to answer the bell for the second round. 2013 fans paid $6026.

Salem Armory—Bobby Richards, 126, Portland, claimant to the Oregon featherweight title, and Paulie Cook, 127, Tacoma, went ten fast rounds to a draw. In the semi-windup Howard Mendenhall, 146, Salem, scored a five-round kayo over Ray Garcia, 145, Denver. Johnny Archulata, 128, Denver, decisioned Jimmy Archer, 130, Portland, in four rounds. Rod McDowell, 142, Salem, kayoed Bobby Gomez, 140, Portland, in the second heat of a scheduled four-rounder.

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RECORD BOOK CORRECTION

On page 267 in record of Johnny (John Henry) Johnson under 1947 delete last line which reads Dec. 15—Dick Callahan, Boston—KO by 1. It was another John Johnson.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS
By JIMMY LAMBERT

ANOTHER banner fight card was presented to Aruba fight fans at the Swingsters Square Garden when Promoters Rombley and Croes presented their monthly card featuring Kid Charol, heavyweight champion of Venezuela, and Carlos Perez, middleweight champion of Central America.

In the main event, Carlos Perez, of Santo Domingo, spotted Kid Charol of Venezuela over twenty pounds and put on a display of boxing and hitting ability to hand Charol his first defeat in Aruba in a ten-round bout.

The semi-final brought together Orestes Diago, 142, of Cuba and Slipping Tiger, 150½, of Curacao, with Diago winning the ten-round decision. Diago, husky Cuban slugger, proved too rough and tough a customer for Slipping Tiger.

In an eight-round bout, El Tigre, 122, Santo Domingo, won a close decision over Ben Pacheco, 126, of Venezuela.

The fight of the evening was the battle between Kid Montana, 120 pounds, of Colombia and Lefty George, 123½ lbs. of Aruba. Though George was a slight favorite on his boxing ability, he met his master in Montana who gave a great display of boxing and in close battered George to the canvas three times to easily win the six-round decision.

In the opening six-rounder, Kid Snake, 140, of Barbados, had things pretty much his own way as he easily decisioned Calcano Secundo, 139, of Venezuela.

April 24, 1948, was a great day in the history of boxing for Aruba fight fans. It was great from the sense of seeing Joey Sandy Saddler, world's leading contender for Willie Pep's featherweight crown, in action, and also because a new attendance record was set for a boxing show in Swingsters Square Garden.

The main event, featuring Sandy Saddler, 129, of New York, versus Young Tanner, 136, of British Guiana, was one of four 10-round star bouts.

Although Tanner put up a game battle throughout the six rounds, he was no match for the more experienced Saddler, who on top of all his experience completely bewildered Tanner by his continuous aggressiveness and boxing ability. As a result the referee stopped the bout in the sixth round and awarded the bout to Saddler on a T.K.O. in order to save Tanner from further punishment.

The semi-final of the evening featured popular Kid Dinimita, 150, of Santo Domingo, who copped a hard fought ten-round decision from Damasco Pereira, 155, of Venezuela. Dinimita, undefeated in his many bouts in Aruba, ran into one of the toughest men of his career and for the majority of the first five rounds was on the receiving end. From the sixth on, Pereira seemed to tire and Dinimita went on to win the decision.

The third ten-round match of the evening brought together Juancito Holman, 199, of Aruba, and Gorilla Joe Morenaje, 196, Cuba, for the third time. As expected, it took the Gorilla 45 seconds of the fourth round to connect his devastating right to Holman's jaw. Holman went down for the full count.

In the opening ten-rounder, Rosendo Perez, 157, of Cuba, practically used Kid Castanuela, 161, of Venezuela, as a punching bag. He left-jabbed Castanuela silly and boxed his way to a decision over the rugged Venezuelan.

We wish to correct an error made in reporting Lefty George decisioning Kid Snake in the May issue of THE RING. The correct decision was Lefty George over Dick Sterling.

BOXING NEWS FROM PUERTO RICO
By ADRIAN CASTILLO

APPROXIMATELY 3435 persons saw Jose Basora, Puerto Rico, add his seventh straight win, in his comeback, with a T.K.O. over Henry Chemel, Portland, Maine. A right to the solar plexus of Henry Chemel, at the end of the fourth round, made it impossible for him to come out for the fifth round. Both men weighed 160 pounds.

First Round—Both men go to the center of the ring. Basora seems very self-confident and hits very well with his left. Chemel is very aggressive, hits Basora a couple times but he answers with effective left uppercuts.

Second Round—Chemel tries a right and misses. Basora misses a right jab, but hits two left jabs, lands a right to Chemel's face. Chemel goes down without count. Both men go into a clinch. A right and a left by Basora. Chemel tries the infighting but Basora hits him with rights and lefts to the head. Basora hits Chemel in the face and Chemel goes down without count. Chemel tries the clinch once more. Basora again with a left and a right to the head. Chemel lands a right on Basora's head. Basora hits with both hands now. Both men go into a clinch.

Third Round—Basora lands two rights on Chemel's face. It is Chemel with a left hook and jab to Basora's face. Both men go to the center of the ring and exchange blows. Chemel is the aggressive man now. Both men go into a clinch.

Fourth Round—Basora lands a left and Chemel goes into a clinch. It is a terrible right from Basora to Chemel's face, pushing him to the ropes. Two rights by Basora. Chemel is on the defensive now. Another left to the face by Basora, another left and a right. Clinch. Basora misses a left and Chemel hits a right to the face. Left blow by Basora, a right, another left, another right. Chemel misses a left, a right. Basora hits with rights and left to stomach and face. Chemel goes down to take no count due to a blow in the stomach. Basora hits a right to the face.

Rest of the card: Mario (Chico) Morales, from Cuba, 126 pounds, took a very popular decision in eight rounds from Kid Guinche, 129½, Puerto Rico.

Frank Navedo, 147, won his second straight as a professional by K.O. in 1:10 of the second over Vincente Charlotten, 147.

Rafael Villanueva won a very unpopular decision over Abelardo Alejandro in four rounds. Villanueva, 129¾, Alejandro 125¼.

Gilberto-Benejan, 164, took a four-rounder from Ray Lulolo, 160.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.
By LARRY JONAS

CHARLIE SALAS seldom loses a fight in Phoenix, but following a successful stand on the coast he returned to his own back yard and promptly dropped a decision to the elongated Buster Smith. Smith was not a whit superior to the hometown boy in the boxing department, but the tremendous difference in size was too much for Salas to overcome. Charlie found out that you can't hit a man you can't reach, and thereby is the story of his defeat by a fighter who doesn't compare with some of the better boys that Charlie has beaten. Salas weighed 144 to 146 for Smith.

In the semi, Battling Black Jack, 177, defeated Joe Smith, 180, six.

Preliminaries: Willie Williams, 163, T.K.O.'ed Jack Ballinger, 158, five; Lonnie Stewart, 154, stopped Don Boyd, one; Lupe Gonzales, 140, decisioned Jimmy Kaiser, 133, four.

Matchmaker Doug Smith's shifted lineup of five six-round bouts made for a diversified evening of boxing, and all but the final bout made a satisfactory impression on the fans. In the last event, Wendell Gallant repeated his previous K.O. of Johnny Cordola, but the bout was stopped with Cordola still on his feet but claiming he was unable to continue because of a hurt nose. An examination by the Garden medico revealed that Cordola's nose had been fractured, which left Referee Bob McIndoo with no alternative but to declare Gallant the winner on a T.K.O. Gallant scaled 171, with Cordola coming in at 181.

In other events, Lonnie Stewart, 152, outboxed Jaibo Rodriguez, 151, six; Jesse James Jackson, 143, outpointed El Tigre de Cananea, six; Wild Bill McDowell, 161, decisioned Ace Lytell, 161, six; Johnny Reza, 130, halted Fausto Moreno, 134, six.

Babe Huerta, a coast in-and-outer, was considered a soft touch for hard-hitting Jelly McElroy, but the Mexican boy surprised by going the ten-round distance with the local battler. It was a dull fight most of the way, with McElroy flashing his vaunted attack only in the ninth round, when he floored Huerta for a count of nine. Aside from that brief flurry, Jelly could do little with the Babe although he won the decision handily. McElroy came in at 139, Huerta weighed 140.

In the semi-final, Noble Johnson, 114, won a clean decision over Rocky Figarelli, 112, in six.

Preliminaries: Billy Shelton, 145, drew with El Tigre de Cananea, 140, six; Lupe Gonzales, 139, stopped Jimmy McKissack, 132, two; Paul Williams, 132, K.O.'ed Ardell Haynes, 125, two.

Lem Thomas, fighting his first ten-round bout, showed up fairly well in beating Chino Alonzo, a popular local favorite. Thomas saved a lot of his stuff in order to pace himself, but when he cut loose he had Chino in a bad way and on the canvas as the bell ended the bout. At that, the fight was a fairly close one and Chino definitely lost the decision only in the final round. Thomas weighed 134, one pound more than the loser.

In the semi, Willie Williams, 164, outpointed Wendell Gallant, 165, in a dull six-round contest in which both contestants showed to disadvantage. Preliminaries: Billy Shelton, 148, gave Lonnie Stewart, 152, a boxing lesson in handing him his first defeat; Joe Lee, 188, K.O.'ed Lee Smith, 184, two; Preston Jefferson, 146, decisioned Dean Bates, 148, four.

All communications regarding fights in this area should be addressed to Matchmaker Doug Smith, Madison Square Garden, Phoenix, Arizona.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

A NICE crowd was on hand to see Johnny Denero and Irish Pat Richard battle to a ten-round draw in a scrap which was a nip and tuck affair all the way. Both Denero and Richards were trained down fine for this scrap, Denero coming in at 176 and the Irishman tipping the scales at 178.

The semi-final between Jimmy Welsh, the up and coming welterweight of Columbus, and Wittman Burrus of Cincinnati was a nice boxing bout with Welsh getting the nod after six fast rounds.

Sheriff Jackson of Hanford, Ohio, chalked up another win at the expense of Alex Arelo of Cincinnati in a six-round middleweight scrap. Frankie Ivon, Columbus, dropped the duke to Bob Earhart, Cincinnati, welterweight.

Sam Porcelli, with his partner, Johnny Burba, are anxious to get their good Italian heavyweight (Johnny Denero) of Rochester, New York, some fights in this territory.

Eddie Miller, the Blond Assassin from Dayton, Ohio, looked good in stopping Mike Birskovich of Niles, Ohio, at Toledo.

At Cincinnati, Harry Hartman, Cincinnati's hard luck fight promoter, again put on an outstanding fight card that started out to be staged on Monday but ended up being put off a day at a time until it finally landed on Saturday night.

In the top bout Jimmy Carter, New York, won a ten-round decision from Wild Willie Russell of Columbus in a hard-fought fight. Both fighters opened up in the first round with everything they had and never let up until the final bell.

The semi-final between Lee Carter, Indianapolis, Indiana, light-heavyweight, and Dave Felt was like the main go, with both tearing in like a couple of stray bulls and after Carter was down a couple of times in the fifth and six from straight right hands, the referee stepped in and stopped the scrap.

In another ten, Jimmy Woods of Cincinnati took the ten-round decision from Oliver Cobbins of the same city. Both lightweights.

Eddie Veno and Jackie Cohen, both Cincinnati lightweights, were on the opener, which was four rounds, with Veno given the duke after a good fight. In a six, Young Christian and Carmen Iacobucci, both Cincinnati featherweights, fought a nip and tuck six rounds with Christian given the edge by the officials.

Dick Deutsch and Jack Shepard, Huntington, W. Va., fight promoters, put on the first show for several weeks in the hill city, giving the fans just what they wanted—slugging scraps all the way through.

In the top ten-round bout between the local favorite, Jesse Underwood, and Alonzo Wills, formerly of Columbus but now fighting out of Detroit, the fans were treated to six slugging rounds before the Detroit battler was stopped. Wills, a willing fighter, fought hard all the way. He was down three times before the end came in the sixth.

In the semi-final, Dick Lewis, Columbus, defeated Ragga Martinia of Logan, W. Va., in six.

Billy Todd, Columbus featherweight, was stopped in the third by Ron Harper, Charleston, W. Va.

Tommy Woodward, Columbus light-heavyweight, and Red Binegar of Wheeling, W. Va., fought six hard rounds with the fight going to the Wheeling slugger.

A small crowd was on hand due to the Ohio river flooding the small towns around the fight center.

Wild Willie Russell, who has beaten a lot of good fighters in his time, in the past three weeks has come out of his bouts with Jimmy Carter of New York, Bobby McQuillar of Detroit, Mich., and Freddy Dawson of Chicago, second best, making three losses for Russell in as many starts.

Allen Koff, Dayton, Ohio, fight promoter, dished out a nice boxing show to the fans in the Gem City, topping his show with Bily Smith and Charley Banks, both making their home in Cincinnati. This was the second meeting of these two slugging light-heavyweights and it was action all the way. It was plain to see that Banks, who had been stopped in the tenth round of their first fight, was out to avenge his first loss. Banks took right after Smith, but after six rounds Banks began to lag behind and Smith forged ahead. Had Banks been able to carry the fight to the California battler in the latter rounds as he did in the earlier rounds he might have taken Smith.

In the semi-final of ten rounds between Jesse Underwood of Huntington and Detroit's Johnny Jackson, lightweights, Jackson got the nod after ten rounds.

The promoter was forced to make a couple of substitute bouts owing to the fact that two of the boxers were turned down with faulty vision. An exhibition between Gus Lesnevich, the light-heavyweight champ, and Shelton Bell, a Dayton, Ohio, light-heavy, furnished plenty of action in the four heats. It was plain to see why Lesnevich is the champ. He still has what it takes to slow the boys down who are eager to try him. Every time Bell decided to toss a flurry of punches the veteran Gus would slow him down to a walk with a couple of good right hands, then give him a chance to recuperate while proceeding to give him a boxing lesson.

Harry Hartman, Cincinnati, Ohio, fight promoter, is getting ready to stage popular price shows all summer every week in the Parkview Arena.

With several outstanding fights already scheduled for this summer, local promoters are getting ready to put on some talent shows in order to bring young fighters in eight-round bouts to prepare them for star fights later in the summer.

Jimmy Welch, a good looking welterweight, and Sheriff Jackson, a tall, lean middleweight, who have been going good the past year are to be given the first test.

Welterweights and middleweights just out of the prelim class who wish to show in Columbus on these talent shows should contact the writer at the address at the bottom of this column.

Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee veteran, after being held even up to the fourth heat, forged ahead from then on to win a ten-round decision over Rudy Zadell of Akron, Ohio. Zadell was cut several places around the eyes, and was slowed down considerably by a low blow unintentionally tossed by Fontaine. Juste had too much on the ball for Zadell, who fought out of a crouch most of the time.

The semi-final between Bob Amos, Detroit's light-heavyweight, and Buffalo's light-heavyweight, Bobby Dare, stole the show. It was slam bang all the way through the eight heats with Amos winning the decision.

K.O. Morgan of Detroit won handily over Leo Kelley of Pittsburgh in a five-round scrap, Charlie Roth of Akron won in in five over George Stanka of Cleveland, and in another five-rounder Ronnie Delaney of Akron stopped Chet Martin, also Akron, in the second. Delaney had too much on the ball for the veteran Martin.

A bus strike in Akron caused the Rubber City promoters to take it on the nose, only 946 of the faithful were able to get transportation to the fight. The show grossed $1728.

Heavier padding in the ring is the aim of most all of the boxing promoters and commissions in this part of the country, in their all-out effort to protect the fighters from injury. It's a good idea.

The writer has several small fighters, Young Sauls, a flyweight; Dick Lewis, a featherweight, and Tommy Reed, a bantamweight. Promoters looking for these scarce weights for their prelims get in touch with the writer.

Some of the outstanding amateurs are tossing their hats in the pro ring the past month. It's time for the boys who fight for glory to see that they cannot get very fat while trying to eat glory.

The Dayton promoters introduced white gloves in their main go between Billy Smith and Charlie Banks. It made a good impression on the fans and seemed to add glamor to the fight.

Irish Pat Richards, who has been making a hit with Ohio and New York fans, can be booked through the writer, who is manager of the big Irishman.

Bob Begley, Dayton heavyweight, who has been campaigning on the coast, is on his way back to Ohio.

Harry Shook, Lima, Ohio, promoter, has closed his indoor season and will not promote again until September. He plans to hold bi-weekly shows in the Lima ball park.

Send all notes for this column by the first of the month to Les Huffman, P.O. Box 211, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES

By TOMMY MAXWELL

SINCE the last issue of THE RING Bob Heath and Johnny Hannison have staged three shows. In the first big Pat Comiskey of Paterson, N. J., K.O.'ed Tex Bodie, Omaha heavy, in the eighth round. In the semi-final, Bobby Dare, Buffalo, N. Y., gamecock, K.O.'ed Al King of Cleveland in three rounds. In the prelims Charlie Roth, Akron heavy, K.O.'ed Bill Singer of Covington, Ky., in one round. Ron Delaney K.O.'ed Art Jackson of Cleveland, O., in one round and Joey Salcone, classy Warren, O., featherweight, edged Juan Manuel of Cleveland in a nice fight. The house grossed a mere $2600 and deserved twice that amount.

In the second show, Juste Fontaine proved too cute for Rudy Zadell, Barberton's rough and ready lightweight, taking a ten-round decision. The semi-final was a classic between Bob Amos and Bobby Dare of Buffalo. Two judges called it a draw and the third gave it to Amos by a few points. The fight was so terrific a rematch was announced before the main event was finished. In the prelims, Leo Kelley, of McKeesport, Pa., a decided underdog, put up a great fight against K.O. Morgan of Detroit and lost a very close decision. Charley Roth defeated George Stanke in five, and Ronnie Delaney K.O.'ed Chet Martin in two rounds.

In the third show the return bout between Bobby Dare and Bob Amos was every bit if not more thrilling as their eight of two weeks before, with Amos edging out a win in a great bout.

In a featherweight bout Joey Salcone, Warren, O., sharpshooter, won a split decision over little Leo Kelly, McKeesport gamester. In other bouts, Al King K.O.'ed Gib Jones in three, Ronnie Delaney stopped Tiger Wills in one, and Rocco Rounci of Youngstown stopped Kid Fanke in four rounds.

Local boys are going good of late, with Ronnie Delaney piling up a fine K.O. string and looking better each bout. This month he K.O.'ed Chet Martin, Tiger Wills and Buddy Demarco.

Rudy Zadell made a big hit in Pittsburgh with a clever win over Joey Kezele. With this win he earned a return shot at Juste Fontaine, this time in the first outdoor show at Pittsburgh's Zivic Arena. Zadell may also start the outdoor season at Johnstown, Pa.

Duke O'Hara, veteran McKeesport, Pa., trainer and manager, has a coming star in Leo Kelly, 122-pound youngster, who looks great despite a couple of tough losses. Leo, in his first four pro fights has been forced to meet seasoned performers in Bobby Lane, K.O. Morgan, Joey Salcone and the good Vic Eisen. Everyone of these bouts were extra good and with a few more under his belt Kelly will be hard to handle.

It's rumored Jimmy Zill will step into the promotion end at Youngstown. Jimmy should do O.K., he is a fine fellow and well liked. Good luck, Jimmy.

Jack Thompson, Warren manager, will soon turn out a couple of good looking boys in the pro ranks. Jack knows his way around and never has a boy who cannot produce.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

THE only local fighter busy during the month was welterweight Walt Evans, who beat Johnny Craigmiles in an eight-rounder in Fairview Gardens in Detroit, and stopped Ted Bussey in the sixth of a scheduled eight at the same club to run his streak of wins to eleven.

The last week of the month saw Evans taste his first defeat. He lost to Jimmy Guy of Detroit in the eight-round top at Fairview. Evans gave away a considerable bit of weight in taking on Guy, a legitimate middleweight, and did not flash any of the form that he had shown in other wins. In spite of the loss, Evans still must be considered a real comer, and bids fair to develop shortly into the main event fighter that Toledo has been needing so long.

Any news of Toledo fights and fighters may be had by contacting the writer, Ed Hackley, at 71 Brand Whitlock, Toledo 2, Ohio.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By COLIN FAULKNER

KID HOWARD, 129½, Halifax, N. S., retained his Maritime Lightweight Boxing Championship on a split decision in a savage battle over his persistent challenger Percy Paris, 132½, New Glasgow, N.S., in the feature ten-rounder at the Armories.

Blaine Hayden, 142, Springhill, N.S., defeated Sheldon Campbell, 141, youthful Pictore Landing mitt slinger, in the semi-final.

By unanimous decision, a draw was the well-accepted verdict of the James Steeves, 130, Truro, N.S., versus Herbert McMullin, 128, Halifax, four-rounder.

In the opening bout Duke Snow, 140, won from William Shires, 139, both of this city.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

TWO slugging young heavyweights, Irish Pat Richards, Ohio State pre-med student, and Johnny DeNero, Rochester, N. Y., threw punches with merry abandon to end up in a 10-round draw at Memorial Hall before a crowd of 2,733, who enriched the kitty to the tune of $4754. DeNero weighed 176, and Richards, 178. Less Huffman, the matchmaker, rematched the boys for the outdoor show. In the other bouts Jimmy Welch, 147, of Columbus, and Wittman Burrus, 146, of Cincinnati, fought six rounds to a draw. Sheriff Jackson, 157, of Columbus, won over Alex Arello, 160, of Cincinnati, in six rounds. Bob Earhart, 156, Cincinnati, defeated Frankie Ivan, 150, of Columbus, in six rounds. Dover Dago, 150, Columbus, defeated Nick Stenson, 155, of Cincinnati, in four rounds.

Al Baldesino, 139½, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., won a hard fought ten-round decision over Patsy Brandino, 144, of Hamilton, Ont., Baldesino making it two in a row over Brandino. In the other fights J. C. Wilkins, 165, of New York, and Jimmy Hayden, 164½, of Buffalo, fought six rounds to a draw. Johnny Kaufman, 147, of Rochester K.O.'ed Frank O'Connor, 149, of Toronto, in three rounds. Bill Giovine, 161, of Newark, N. J., defeated Bill Stemmler, 156, of Windsor in six rounds. Dave Mitchell, 129½, of Toronto, defeated Henry Armstrong, 129, of Windsor, in six rounds. Bob Donovan, 161, Niagara Falls, and Willie Gilmore drew in four rounds. Jack Ennis, 185, Windsor, K.O.'ed Joe Capacetti, in two rounds. The house grossed $4,635.70.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Tommy Stenhouse, 131, of Buffalo, and Ray Lewis, 132, of New York City, fought and drew in 10 tough rounds. Dick Orange, 140, of New York, outpointed Sammy Daniels, 140½, of Baltimore in six. Johnny Swanson, 177½, of New York, KO'ed Don Stezar, 183, of Elmira, in four. Glen Hendershot, 143½, of Johnson City, stopped Glen Massey, 143, of Buffalo, in three. Russ Greenan, 193, stopped Howard Berger, 196½, in three. Butch Kattanick, 164, lost to Louis Pompei, 160, in two. One thousand four hundred fifty-seven fans saw the show.

Johnny Flynn, Rochester's gift to the heavyweight division, was awarded a 10-round unanimous decision over Vern Mitchell, youthful Detroit scrapper, in the main event at the Sports Arena. In the other bouts, Jack Ennis, 183, Detroit, decisioned Artie DeNoto, 193, Red Bank, N. J., in 6 rounds, Jerry Fleming, 155, Rochester, T.K.O.'ed Ray McGibbon, 160, Niagara Falls, in 5 rounds, Bill Stemmler, 153½, Windsor, Ont., T.K.O.'ed Bill Conklin, 158½, New York City, in 5 rounds, Johnny Kaufman, 149½, Rochester, T.K.O.'ed Sammy Sauve, Toronto, in 4 rounds, Willie Giano, 152, Rochester, decisioned Rolly Jones, 149, Albany, 4 rounds. The bout drew 3,395 customers for gross receipts of $8,167.20.

Following are the better amateur fights of the month at the Elks Club: Bob Golden, Akron, outpointed Terry Teague, Buffalo, in 5 rounds, Carmen Bertonico, Auburn, outpointed Archie Logan, Akron, Lee Batchelor, Buffalo, defeated Jim Gillespie, Akron, Dave Cochrane, Buffalo, defeated Ed Brennan, Akron, Tony DiPietro, Batavia, outpointed Curtis Phillips, Buffalo, Bob Smith, Rochester, defeated Bob Walsh, Binghamton, Sam Nicometo K.O.'ed Benton Hall, Binghamton, in 2 rounds, Huston Brown, Cleveland, outpointed Bobby Barnes, Buffalo, James Wilson, Cleveland, knocked out Johnny DeAngelo, Buffalo, in 2 rounds, Bob Rosengradt, Buffalo, outpointed Willie Dudley, Cleveland, John Christopher, Cleveland, won by a T.K.O. over Dick Robinson, Buffalo, in 5 rounds, John Kazmierczak, Buffalo, outpointed Ted Collins, Rochester, Paul Corrigg, Syracuse, outpointed Amos Bush, Rochester, Eric Hall, Buffalo, outpointed Johnny Baker, Rochester.

The following boys are training daily at the Exchange A. C. new gym on Main Street: Irish Johnny Flynn, Johnny Rowe, Willie Giano, Calvin Leigh, Buddy Walker, Johnny Kaufman, Harry (Snuffy) Smith, Bill Foley, Jerry Fleming, Johnny DeNero, Johnny Virgo, Mike Fisher, and many others. The New Gym is open from 12 noon till 9 P.M. and fans are welcome to come up and watch the boys train daily.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

CLOSE to 2000 fans paid a gross of $5,187 to see Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif., 173, score a ten-round decision over Charlie Banks, Cincinnati, 171, on promoter Al Menachof's Dayton show.

The Hearthstone A.C. under the Menachof banner looks for a big season in the Gem City.

In the supporting bouts, Johnny Jackson, Detroit lightweight, won a decision in ten rounds over Jess Underwood of Huntington, W. Va., and Art Edmundsen, Cincinnati feather, stopped Elberto Trevino of Mexico.

Light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich was an added attraction, working four stiff exhibition rounds with Shelton Bell of Dayton.

Cincinnati promoter Harry Hartman featured Jimmie Carter of New York and Willie Russell of Columbus, in a ten-round lightweight bout. Carter won the decision.

In the undercard bouts, Dave Feld of New York, and Cincinnati, stopped Lee Carter of Indianapolis in a sixth round light-heavy bout. Jimmie Woods won a decision over Oliver Cobbins, Jimmy Christian defeated Carmine Iacobucci and Ernie Vino won a verdict over Jackie O'Cohen.

Eddie Miller, Dayton, 160, won an eight-round decision over Pete McNamara, Cleveland, 158, at Chicago.

On Derby Eve show at Louisville, Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati, 130, won a ten-round decision from Freddy Maes of Denver, Colorado, 135, in the supporting bout to the Sid Peaks ten-round decision win over Harold Guss, heavyweights.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots: Joe Basco's crack Jewish South African lightweight, Jackie Solomons, is en route to the States for a series of matches. . . . Paul Starkey, Roanoke, Va., manager, is looking for main event action for his welter flash, Bulldog Rutherford. . . . Forest McKinney is the new promoter in Indianapolis, Ind. . . . Jack Attell, former west coast manager, is making his residence in Cincinnati. . . . My fight flash service and the Promoters and Managers Guide, one dollar each, are available through this writer, Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . I have been receiving numerous letters to the question . . . is Nat Fleischer being considered by government officials to be named National Boxing Commissioner. . . . I am afraid, readers, that only Mr. Fleischer can answer this query.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

ONE show highlighted last month's activity here. It was held at Huntington. However, as we got to press we learn that both Charleston and Wheeling promoters have applied for dates.

Huntington Show—Jesse (Topper) Underwood, 124, stopped Tiger Wills, 135, Columbus, Ohio (6), Wills was down seven times.

Red Bineyard, 170, Wheeling, scored a good win over Tom Woodward, 172, Columbus.

Ron Harper, 140, kayoed Billy Todd, 136 (3). Dickie Lewis, 126, outscored Reggie Martina, 126 (6).

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THE writer's new gymnasium, located in downtown Tacoma, is humming with activity.

Dave Davey, Tacoma's 19-year-old heavyweight of promise, has chalked up five straight victories.

Roy Hawkins, Klamath Falls, Oregon, heavyweight, recently lost to "Jolting" Joe Kahut, of Woodburn, Oregon, in 10 rounds in Portland, Oregon.

Bill Ross, popular Seattle fight manager, is now the guiding light for Bural Amos, classy Negro featherweight, who won the Golden Gloves Northwest crown on the recent amateur tournament in Seattle.

Virgil Larson, Tacoma's promising 18-year-old 140 pound boxer, is coming along rapidly.

Eddie Compo outpointed Jock Leslie in a hair-raiser at New Haven, Conn. $12,000 gate.

Washington State Boxing Commission, following other sections of the nation in tightening up ring rules. Chairman Don McPhee, Seattle, Les Francis, Spokane, and Elliott Metcalf, Tacoma, secretary.

Joe Levy, recent matchmaker for the Seattle Boxing Club, has pulled stakes and left for his native state of California.

Tacoma's boxing promoter, Raleigh Sligar, is a trying soul when dishing out fistic programs for his patrons. Promoter Sligar needs plenty of new local youngsters for his future fistic ventures.

Freddie Wallace, stringbean Seattle light-heavyweight, has been suspended by the State Athletic Commission. Wallace, knocked out in his last three starts, should forget the fight business.

Morry Abbott, former star W. I. League baseball player, now a successful Tacoma tavern operator, may be seen at most of Tacoma's fight shows.

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DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

A WINNING STREAK at the Fairview Gardens was compiled by Toledo's Walter Evans when he scored decisions over Johnny Craigmiles, Harold Vinson, Young Harry Greb, and Charley Rousel. But it was expected to reach a climax when promoter Harry Harris paired him off with hard-punching Ted Bussey, Detroit. After taking the first five rounds, Bussey ran into a flurry of blows in the sixth and was counted out on his back. Weights were Evans, 147 pounds, and Bussey, 148.

Red Grant, 131, came out on top in his scrap with Joey Monteiro, 130, Hartford, Conn., in six rounds.

Mickey Young, 120, Flint, dropped Bud Dillinger, 127, Detroit, for the full count at 1:51 of the first issue; Tommy Matthews, 136, Detroit, outboxed Leonard Howard, 136, Detroit, in four; Billy Born, middleweight prospect of Young Kid McCoy, was held to a four-round draw by Ralph Myers, in four rounds; and Paul Davis, 132, Detroit, and Joe Ezell, 130, St. Louis, went four to a draw.

At the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids, Anton Raadik, fighting out of Chicago, hammered Detroit's Lou Woods so that he wasn't able to answer the bell for the seventh round. Woods hit the canvas for counts in the fifth and six rounds, but regained his footing on each occasion. Raadik weighed in at 162 pounds, one pound less than his opponent.

Solly Sanchez, 134, Detroit, and Joey Monteiro, 130, Hartford, Conn., met in their return go with the former scoring another decision over his adversary after eight rounds of milling.

The semi-final ended up at 1:18 of the second round with Mickey Young, 119, Flint, winner by knockout over Joe Ezell, 125, St. Louis.

Rocky Slyapick, 148, Detroit, defeated Cocoa Kid, 146, Detroit, in a four-rounder. Allie Gronik, 145, Detroit, iced Quincy Jackson, 144, Detroit, at :45 of the fourth. Cuban Flash, 144, Detroit, dumped Al Wilson, 141, Detroit, in two, and Leonard Washington, 157, Detroit, flattened Bill Brown, 157, Detroit, in two.

A good crowd of fistic followers turned out at the Windsor Arena to see Dominic Berardo, latest Windsor sensation, knock out Joey Lozeno, Detroit Mexican, in :38 of the third round of a scheduled eight.

Norm Butts drew with Martin Doyle, veteran Detroit middleweight, after eight rounds.

Ralph Myers, Detroit middleweight, defeated Aurie Gauthiers, Windsor; Billy Born, Detroit, decisioned Jimmy Wilson, Detroit 154-pounder; and James Toner, Windsor, outpointed Leo Schott.

With the departure of Eddie Prince from these parts to California the state lightweight crown was left open. So Saginaw promoter Ward Blunt paired off veterans Billy Eddy, of Flint, and Detroit's Leroy Willis for the vacant title. These same boys had met previously in three engagements with each emerging with a victory and the other being called a draw. In this match Leroy managed to hold a safe margin, winning decisively. Willis scaled 134 pounds as did his opponent.

Allie Gronik, 143, Detroit, upset Ken Brown, 148, Detroit, in three; Danny Boy Woods, 136, sent Cowie Taylor, 138, Detroit, to dreamland in four; and Berry Gordy, 126, Detroit, iced Frank Smith, 125, Detroit, in two.

Harold Vinson, 150, Detroit, scoring over Joe LaScala, 142, Flint, and Nick Opris, 120, Detroit, outpointing Paul Davis, 128, Detroit, in fours.

Michigan AAU has announced the appointment of Pat McIntyre to fill the post of secretary, which has been vacant since the death of Charley Brennan, who had held such for some 20 years.

McIntyre earned his way through college by boxing professionally. Later he became coach of the Detroit Boys Club Boxing Team. After coaching several teams in the Golden Gloves, Diamond Belt and CYO tournaments, he was named athletic director of the club. Then he left Detroit to become the director of the Boys Club of Boston, which he held until his enlistment into the Navy. Upon his discharge he returned to Detroit.

Jimmy Guey, Detroit, fought a canny, ringwise battle to pile up enough points to receive a decision and stop a winning streak compiled by Walter Evans, Toledo, in eight good rounds of action. Weights were Guey, 152 pounds, to 149 for his foe.

In the co-feature, Sid Oliver, 150, Detroit, and Chuck Simmons, 151, Detroit, mixed willingly before a left hook connected on the jaw of Simmons, sending him to the canvas at :51 of the second round for the full count. Simmons was down for a nine count in the first issue.

Joe Ezell, 126, St. Louis southpaw, became a six-round victim of Henry Armstrong, 128, Windsor. Al Gronik, 143, Detroit, punched too hard for Quincy Jackson, 144, Detroit, and the bout was stopped at :26 of the second with Jackson in no condition to continue.

One-time ranking featherweight challenger Jock Leslie, Flint, was defeated by decision in defense of his state 125-pound crown by Detroiter Luther Burgess at the Flint IMA. Leslie was completely outclassed from the second round on. The two judges scored the affair eight rounds to Burgess, two even, and three going to Leslie. The referee tabbed five for Burgess, two even, and three going to Leslie. Burgess weighed 124 pounds and Leslie 126.

Jay Watkins, Flint 135-pound K.O. artist, decked Dave Marsh, Akron, four times in the semi-final of six rounds to net the verdict. Watkins has now won 16 straight with 13 being knockouts.

Clem Custer, popular Detroit feather, iced Joey Monteiro, Hartford, Conn., in the third of a six-rounder, after some hard toe to toe slugging.

Bill Handlin, Flint, 160, stretched his winning streak to ten straight with Leonard Washington, Detroit, falling as victim in the second. Allie Gronik, Detroit, scored his fourth straight K.O. in ten days when he dumped Flint welter Fox Brown in two.

Television Amateur Boxing Association, which will be a great asset to the sport in Detroit, has announced the following officers: Leo Jones, president; Art Tracy, vice-president; Bob Miller, secretary-treasurer; Lee Mulrooney, publicity director, and Johnny Duffy, matchmaker.

This organization operates along with station WWJ-TV in televising amateur fistic shows weekly. Membership includes Gene Tunney BC, Highland Park BC, Annunciation AC, Shamrock AC, Brewster Recreation, Windsor AKO, St. Cecilia AC, and River Rouge Recreation.

Eddie O'Neil, 154, took an eight-round decision from Jimmy Palmer, 156.

Harold Vinson, 151, Detroit, defeated Charley Rousel, 156, Detroit, in the six-round semi-final.

Billy Born, 154, Detroit, and Bobby Perkins, 150, Detroit, put on a sensational slugfest with the former winning by K.O. at 1:38 of the sixth; and Alf Payette, 143, Quebec City, outscored Rocky Slyapick, 147, Detroit, in six.

Tommy Matthews, 132, Detroit, handed a drubbing to Red Grant, 133, Toledo, in four, and Lloyd Michigan, 197, Detroit, put on a four-round exhibition with Gus Sinaris, 182, Detroit.

Here and There—Muskegon is following in the footsteps of Harry Harris and will stage shows with two-minute rounds . . . Anyone knowing the address or whereabouts of Freddie Hicks, a middleweight of 1913-18, could help out by sending such to Johnny Hauck, 39 West New Street, Lancaster, Pa. . . . Those of you who are interested in Who's Who in Boxing book, be sure to get in touch with your truly . . . Willie Dominguez is ready to lay down one thousand dollars guarantee for a match between his fast stepping lightweight, Harold Jones, and State Lightweight Champion Leroy Willis . . . Hard-punching Talmadge Bussey has issued a challenge to Willis also . . . The contract of tenth ranking middleweight O'Neil Bell has been bought by Jack Laken, and both have taken off for a California bout with Sugar Costner . . . I still would like to add photos to my collection . . . K.O. Morgan, Jr., feather, looms as a comer . . . Talent seeking action hereabouts should send complete data to this writer for just that . . . Stan Hartman, feather, has won his last eleven starts and is looking fine . . . Lester Felton, undefeated 140-pounder, will be seen in action locally before returning to New York rings where he has continued his winning streak which has mounted to 21 . . . Allie Gronik has taken the local gathering by surprise with his K.O. rampage and bears watching . . . Patsy Urso, popular battler of former years, is training Bob Myers and Charley Rousel . . . Hap Tucker plans to give Windsor fans their share of boxing and will show Norman (Bad Boy) Butts against Martin Doyle at top of his next card . . . Jock Leslie plans to get married shortly . . . All for now but in the meantime I can be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan.

BOXING IN CUBA

By MILT BARON

HAVANA fight followers saw some good scraps during the month, and here are the results for the readers of this column:

Max Perez, French lightweight, scored a four-round technical knockout over Miguel Acevedo, when the local Boxing Commission doctor, Jose Antonio de la Lamma, ordered the contest to be stopped on account of a severe cut on Acevedo's left eye which was caused by several butting stunts on Max Perez's side. Weights—Acevedo, 134, and Perez, 132.

Wilfredo Mayet of Cuba, scored a five-round technical kayo over Roberto Carrillo, in the semi-windup scheduled to go ten rounds. Luis Castillo knocked out Rogelio Cespedes in the second stanza, and Enrique Ibanez won in four rounds from Tony Cruz.

Luis Galvani, Cuba's sterling bantamweight champion, was awarded the victory over Harold Dade in the eighth round. Dade using rough tactics, butted several times and referee Johnny Cruz wisely stopped the contest. Galvani had a good edge over Dade when hostilities were halted. Weights—Galvani, 119¼, and Dade 119¼.

Jose Molina put the skids under Mario Vinnent in the first canto, and Armadito Puentes Pi won the ten-round decision over Alfonso Martinez who gave Puentes Pi a good fight. Armadito Mir knocked out Orlando Frometa, and Reginaldo Valdez won from Osvaldo Castillo.

Wilfredo Mayet, Cuban youngster, turned the tables on Max Perez, French lightweight, by stopping the Frenchman in the fourth round. Mayet inflicted several cuts over the Frenchman's eyes with speedy lefts and rights, and Perez bled profusely. Doctor Jose de la Llamas, Boxing Commission's chief medico, ordered the contest stopped. Mayet weighed 135 and Max Perez 133¾.

Ciro Moracen, who seems to be improving steadily, won a ten-round decision over Diego Sosa. Emilio Figueroa won from Arquimedes Yirac, hard-punching lightweight, and Oscar Suarez easily won from Orlando Diego. Orlando Echevarria outpointed Carlos Valdes in four.

Ciro Moracen again showed signs of great improvement when he easily beat Lino Garcia, one of Cuba's good featherweights. This kid who hails from Oriente Province, Cuba, is making a name for himself, and no doubt soon the name of Ciro Moracen will be seen on top of the list of Cuban boxers. Moracen weighed 122½ and Lino Garcia 126.

Jorge Sanchez, star bantamweight, won from "Acorazado Martinez" after ten rounds of furious milling. Sanchez showed that he deserves another shot at Galvani's bantamweight crown.

Tomas Vega won from Pigua Sanchez in a special six-rounder; Flor Hita knocked out Hermes Torres in the fourth; Enrique Ibanez knocked out Francisco Escalona in the fourth, all on the supporting card of the Ciro Moracen-Lino Garcia contest.

SPOKANE NEWS

By DON C. SIGNS

PROMOTER JACK POWERS has brought the fans here in the Northwest three straight sell-outs.

In the recent bout between punching "Lil" Joe Velez and Buddy Washington—"Lil" Joe put Buddy on the deck twice in the third before definitely putting him out in 2:36 of the same stanza.

The Al Morse-Chuck Haines gymnasium, capably managed by Chuck Haines, one of the boys from the old school, has sixteen fighters working out daily.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By SPIKE McCARTHY

At the Minneapolis Auditorium Jackie Graves knocked out Jack (Spider) Armstrong of Toronto, Canada, with practically the first punch of a most unsatisfactory match.

In the semi-windup Luther Burgess, 129, from Detroit, caused somewhat of an upset when he knocked out Lulu Williams, 130, from Kansas City, Mo., in the first round. Corky Gonzales, 125, Mexican youth from Denver, Colorado, knocked out Joe Romanna, 127, from Ravenswood, Ohio, in the third heat. Bill Irons, 150, from Minneapolis, making his pro debut, outfumbled his home state rival Walter Moll, 152, from the home town of Billy Petrolle, Dilworth, Minnesota, in four rounds. In the four round opener Jimmy (Turkey) O'Hara, a fast-stepping, good-looking young St. Paul fighter making his first start in over three years, lost a much disputed decision to that man mountain of strength, Willie (Piper) Jones, also from St. Paul. Gus Lesnevich, the world's light-heavyweight champion, boxed a four-round exhibition, meeting Jackie Burke of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, for two rounds and two more with Bob Isler, a New York Negro boy. The show grossed over $17,000.

Twin City fight fans were saddened by the tragic death of ill fated Jackie Darthard at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, following a bout there with Burt Lytell. Jackie had made a trip here to Minneapolis along with his manager and stablemate Lulu Williams, on the last card.

Mel Brown, St. Paul Negro middleweight, recently became the father of an 8½ pound bouncing baby boy, whom he immediately christened Mel Brown, Jr. Both mother and baby are doing just fine.

Larry Sullivan, the 16-year-old son of My Sullivan, St. Paul's wonder kid of the twenties, is one of the state's outstanding young baseball players.

At the St. Paul Auditorium, before the largest crowd that has witnessed a bout here in St. Paul since February, 1938, when John Henry Lewis, the then light-heavyweight champion, stopped Fighting Freddy Lenhart. Del Flanagan, St. Paul's fighting young Irishman, won by a T.K.O. over Del Cockayne, the hard-punching college kid from Des Moines, Iowa, in the seventh round of a thrill packed bout. Round one started off with Cockayne being belted to the floor twenty seconds after the sounding of the opening bell for a two count, getting up and carrying the fight to the fast-stepping young turkey from the one time city of champions. Flanagan won the second round by a close margin and the third was about even, with Cockayne getting the range and giving Flanagan the worst pasting he has ever caught since turning pro, in the next two rounds, dropping him for a two count in the fifth with a powerful right to the jaw. In the sixth Flanagan cut Cockayne's left eye right on the lid, covering the Iowa Kid's face with crimson gore, blinding him on the left side and with the ringing of the bell the state commission doctor stepped into the ring and after one look at the damaged optic called a halt, over the tearful protests of the game youngster from Iowa. A tough break for a hard luck, clean cut youngster who has yet to fail to please in any appearance in the Twin Cities. Billy Colbert, St. Paul's rotund promoter, immediately rematched them for a return bout to be held outdoors at the Lexington baseball park early in June.

Pat Murphy, youngster from Racine, Wisconsin, knocked out Ripple after two minutes of round one.

In the six-round special event Buzz Lanning, 146, from Ottumwa, Iowa, lost a close decision to the St. Paul Negro belter Booker Ellis.

Handsome Tony Netro, of Cleveland, Ohio, outpointed Dick (Muscles) Bighley, of St. Paul, in another thrill packed six-rounder which found both of these youngsters covered with blood at the final bell. These two boys are welterweights.

In the six-round opener Jack Holman, 190, from Chicago, put the chill on Fred Ford in the second round.

Roy Westphalinger, a former St. Paul handler of boxers, is now settled out in Bakersfield, California, after serving 3½ years in Uncle Sam's Army. Roy made connections out on the Coast and is now a confirmed Californian. He must be, he got married after all of these years. Good luck Snerdge.

For the first time in six years there was a professional boxing show staged at the Minneapolis Armory (formerly scene of many a thrilling ring battle) when Promoter Tony Stecher presented a quadruple main event before a fair sized crowd, along with two four-rounders for a total of 40 rounds. In the first eight-rounder Harold Guss, 181, from St. Louis, Mo., outfumbled Jackie Thompson, 194, from Detroit, while in the second eight-rounder Roy Spurlock, 164, from Kansas City, got the nod over Willie Watkins of Detroit. Willie, a wide faced Negro boy gave the southpaw Spurlock all the fight he cared for and made a terrific hit with the crowd and also this writer. In the third eight-rounder baby-faced Joe Danos, 151, from Denver, Colorado, put the chill on the old farm hand Emil Evans, from Lynd, Minnesota, in the third round. In the main eight-rounder, Mel Hammond, 124, from Minneapolis and Jumping Joe Barrone, 124½, who hails from Pittsburgh, Pa., went eight fast rounds to a draw. In the four-round opener Willie (Piper) Jones, 208, from St. Paul, lost to Joey Gates, 201, one of the many fighting Gates brothers from Fort Yates, North Dakota. In the other four-rounder Bill (Scrap) Irons, 150, from Minneapolis, stopped Roy Johnson, 145, from Superior, Wisconsin, in the first heat. Johnson should quit fighting, the kid has plenty of heart but no natural ability. The fight drew a gross of $3,950 with the attendance at 2730 paid admissions.

Rochester, Minnesota—The local boxing scene shifted down here to this health metropolis in southern Minnesota where at The Mayo Auditorium Jackie Graves, Tommy O'Loughlin's tall featherweight thumper, continued on the road to glory when he outpointed Harry LaSane, from Houston, Texas, in ten fast rounds. LaSane dropped Jackie for a no count in the final round. Graves dropped the Texan in the fourth, sixth and seventh rounds for no counts and each time LaSane, showing bulldog courage, came back and made Jackie run backwards.

In the six-round semi-windup Jackie Burke, 166, from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, outpointed Bob Montgomery, itinerant Negro battler from Butte, Montana, in a rough house brawl. In another six-rounder, Red Grant, featherweight from Toledo, Ohio, and Vic Creelman, from St. Cloud, Minnesota, went to a draw, while in the four-round opener Bill Irons, 150, from Minneapolis, outpointed Johnny Baird, 152, from Des Moines, Iowa. The show drew a gross of slightly under $5,500, with the attendance at 2300 paid admissions.

Solly Goldstein, one-time Minneapolis featherweight, and now a successful Mill City businessman, celebrated his 60th birthday April the 30th. The old boy who is the biggest booster that the boxing game has in these here parts doesn't look a day over the half century mark. Many more happy birthdays to you Solly, boxing needs men of your type.

St. Paul—Rocky Graziano and his co-managers, Irving Cohen and Jack Haley, owe a debt of gratitude to Tony Turritto, St. Paul photographer, whose untiring efforts in the behalf of Rocky's reinstatement here in St. Paul, paid off when Mike Gibbons, St. Paul member of the state commission, asked for the reinstatement of the hard punching, colorful middleweight who was put on the suspension list here in Minnesota last fall. It was this Turritto who conducted a poll, working both night and day in his efforts to arouse sympathy in his fight to have the colorful Graziano placed back in the good graces of the people here in this section of the nation. Mike told the commission that it was his honest opinion that Rocky has paid his debt to society by serving a prison term and that he should be allowed to box here in Minnesota. Well good luck Rocky, we will be seeing you here in St. Paul, the friendly city, sometime this summer in a big outdoor bout at the Lexington Ball Park.

Billy Colbert, St. Paul boxing promoter and Tony Stecher, Minneapolis fistic impresario, today were both granted renewal of their franchises to run for another year. Both men announced that they are figuring on running outdoor shows this summer, in each city's respective association baseball parks.

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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THE customers paid $9,620.00 to see one of the roughest and most savage 10 round battles staged here in years when Bert Lytell, 163¼, of California beat Major Jones, 159¼, of Kansas City, in 10 rounds. The desire to win became so intense in three of the rounds that the battlers continued their punching spree well into the rest period after the gong. At one time Referee Julius Fidler in trying to part the fighters received a punch on the head that nearly floored him, all of which added up to the entire satisfaction of the crowd.

Jerome Frazier, 153, Milwaukee, knocked out Danny Boy Williams, 154, Detroit, 2:45 of the second. Referee, Ted Jamieson.

Bob Sandberg, 135, Rockford, beat Al Payette, 140¼, Detroit, technical knockout, 1:32 of the second. Referee, Fidler.

Peter (Red) McNamara, 153, Cleveland, beat Hank Koxlawski, 160, Calumet City, Ill., 6. Referee, Jamieson.

Tony Gunia, 138¼, Milwaukee, beat Torpedo Tinsley, 139¼, Danville, Ill., 4. Referee, Jamieson.

Promoter Joe Gibson and Matchmaker Al Lang, broke the boxing attendance record in the late Eddie McGoorty's home town of Oshkosh, when Phil Zwick, the Kaukauna globe trotter, after a barrage of punches to the body and head, crashed home a potent right to Al Gomez's chin in 2:34 of round three. A splendid fight card was seen by 2,886 patrons, bringing in $6,200.

Zwick, at 44 years of age, a marvel of physical condition, looked as good as when he fought Petey Scalzo 15 rounds for the title, seven years ago in Milwaukee. Zwick weighed 127¾; Gomez, 131½.

Other bouts: Jimmy Johnston, 136, Milwaukee, won over Bob Dudley, 139, Laport, Ind., in a six-round slugging bee. Pat Murphy, 130, Racine, stopped Stafford Williams, 132, Chicago, in 5. Troy Luckett, 134, Milwaukee, outscored Fred Hadley, 140, Racine, in 4. John Heinowski, 178, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Bob Kuehler, 179, Chilton, in 3.

Bert Lytell, 160¼, California middleweight, was awarded a T.K.O. victory over Jackie Darthard, 160½, of Kansas City, when the latter failed to answer the bell for the seventh round. Two hard smashes to the body dropped Jack for nine-counts in the third round. From then on the rugged Lytell took command. Two vicious rights to the head, seconds before the close of the sixth round, proved fatal as the Kansas City battler collapsed in his corner. Few of the 5044 fans who paid $14,640 to see the gruelling fight realized they had viewed the first ring tragedy in Wisconsin in over 20 years.

Fight results: Jerome Frazier, 153, Milwaukee, beat Dave Clark, 159, Cincinnati, in 10. Referee, Louis Schultz.

Charley Riggs, 178¾, Milwaukee, beat Charley Martin, 199¾. T.K.O., in 6. Referee, Jaeger.

Bob Sandberg, 135½, Rockford, Ill., knocked out Cappy Benton, 132, Cincinnati, 1:20 of the second round. Referee, Schultz.

Tony Gunia, 135¾, Milwaukee, knocked out Bob Waterman, 136¼, Milwaukee, 2:10 of the second round. Referee, Schultz. Attendance, 5,044. Gate, $12,205.50.

Milwaukee's five boxing clubs have been reduced to two. The Auditorium Board made that decision this month and gave leases to Billy Mitchell and Al Fain's Wisconsin Boxing Club and Phil Valley and Frank Balisteri's Badger State Boxing Club. Under the old system each club could operate but once in three or four months. With the new procedure each club should get a date each month. Credit for the change, which is a very good thing for boxing here, goes to Bill Maas, manager of the big Auditorium. Maas is a good boxing fan and has an uncanny sense of being able to judge attendance when matches are announced. He can be depended upon to give boxing a fair apportionment in available dates along with other local enterprises.

Wisconsin was the first state to step away from the old ring rules. They are consistent with recommendations made at the recent N.B.A. executive sessions in Philadelphia which was attended by Commission Secretary Fred Saddy and caused by the attitude of the press toward boxing due to recent ring accidents.

RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

A MINOR boom in the fistic sport has been created by the arrival in New Zealand of Australian Middle and Light-Heavyweight Champion, Dave Sands. Sands, a quietly spoken lad of aboriginal descent, is rated in world class as a two-fisted, speedy ringman. He had won 52 of his 58 fights until his arrival here, including a sensational 2-round knockout over Negro American thumper, O'Neill Bell, in 1947.

For his first opponent in the Dominion, Sands was given New Zealand light-heavyweight champion, Doug Rollinson (Waiuku). Rollinson, a competent performer in his own right, was overawed by the reputation of the Australian, and, after an inglorious display, was routed after 1:55 of the first round. The New Zealander and his handlers claimed that he had beaten the long count after being knocked down with a hard, short right clip to the jaw, but this did not appear to be the case, as he was still on one knee when the fatal ten was tolled. Sands scaled 162½, slightly more than his usual poundage, and Rollinson entered the ring at 170¾.

In his second fight here, Sands faced a fellow countryman, Jackie Marr, light-heavyweight champion of Victoria. Marr, short and powerfully built, had met Sands three times in Australia for a win each and a draw. Consequently, a close fight was expected. This was scarcely what eventuated, but Marr put up a most creditable display of courage and durability in the face of the sustained barrage of heavy punching from the champion. Marr suffered a severe cut over his left eye in the third stanza, but fought gamely on, despite the handicap of freely flowing blood from the damaged optic.

The New Zealand bantamweight title, which has been in the possession of the Brunner veteran, Tot Hoggarth since 1940, changed hands at Petone recently when the champion was sent crashing to the boards by cleverly placed punches from the fists of Lyn Philp (Hutt Valley). From the outset, the young challenger, one of the greatest amateurs New Zealand has produced in a decade, called the tune. His short arms being a decided disadvantage to him, Hoggarth endeavored to get in close and rough up the challenger, but Philp picked his opponent off skillfully with a rapier-like left hand and scored frequently with well-placed right crosses. In the tenth round, three short rights to the head, following a sustained body attack, sent Hoggarth down for the long count.

As a curtain-raiser to the title fight, Paddy Slavin (Australia), 141, came from behind to stop Laurie Bolger (Mataura), 143. With but fifty seconds remaining until the end of the tenth and final round, referee Len Stewart stepped in and awarded the fight to the Australian. Slavin, an out and out puncher, threw all he had at Bolger over the ten rounds. He met with little success until the last few rounds, when the tiring New Zealander, having his first fight in 18 months, ran into a haymaker. Climbing slowly to his feet, Bolger was on the receiving end of a barrage of heavy swings and was out on his feet when the referee stepped in.

New Zealand middleweight champion, Roy Stevens (Auckland), 166, outpointed Australian Ern Clingan, 172, in a light-heavyweight bout at Auckland. It was an uninspiring fight, partly due to the fact that Stevens, who had not properly warded off an attack of the 'flu, showed little of his usual fiery aggressiveness, and piled up his points practically entirely with a left jab. Clingan, well past his best, was superior at the infighting, and endeavored to close with the Aucklander at every opportunity. Eventually the entire side of his face was transformed into one big bruise by the persistency of the local boy's left hand. As a preliminary, Harry Hanson, rugged ex-amateur from Wellington, outscored Joe Griffiths of Wales in a six-round middleweight tilt.

The aspirations of Billy Brown (Invercargill) to the lightweight championship of New Zealand were abruptly disposed of when Syd Stevens, winner of the 1947 New Zealand amateur lightweight title, knocked him out in seven rounds at Wairoa. Brown was palpably unfit, and had no counter for the bustling tactics of the superbly conditioned Stevens. In his next fight, Stevens jumped into national limelight by outpointing the classy Australian, Bobby Fuller.

Noel Fitzwater, young Hastings welterweight, climaxed a successful entry into the paid ranks when he knocked out Doug Waghorn (Palmerston North) in the second round at Palmerston North recently. In his first pro. outing, Fitzwater beat the erstwhile Scot, Phil Bennett.

Frank Endicott of Australia, ex-Navy champion, had his first New Zealand win in half a dozen fights when he stopped Noel Dornan of Hastings in the tenth. Dornan, brightest prospect in the country some two years ago, has not made the progress expected of him, and the extent of his loss of form can be realized by the fact that he knocked Endicott flatter than the proverbial pancake in their last meeting twelve months back.

This correspondent may be reached at 27 Taft St., or 1 Lincoln St., Brooklyn, Wellington, New Zealand.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

TOMAS CUPAS, one of the nation's outstanding sport writers, and yours truly were blamed for the financial fiasco of the Chico Varona-Chevo Ramos program. Both writers published that the latter was just another bum, and the night of the show only the promoter and a few good friends of his were in the Arena. Varona, 144½, iced the Mexican, 144, in the first heat of the scheduled ten round fight. During the one-sided battle, Ramos was knocked down four times. in a four rounder. A. Scantleburry took the measure of Ignacio Francisco.

Tito Despaigne, Panama's best bet in the welterweight ranks, won a ten rounder from Garcia Alvarez. The mill belonged to anybody until the tenth and final frame when Tito caught Alvarez, 144½, with a beautiful smack on the kisser, landing him on the wet canvas for a seven count. Tito scaled 141¼.

Al Webb proved to be easy picking for Kid Valentine, during a four-rounder.

Kid Zefine, 124½, current bantamweight kingpin, chalked up an easy ten round verdict over featherweight champion Simon Vegara, 124. During the mill it was apparent that Vegara was a sick man. A few days later he was taken to a hospital. In our bantamweight division they come no better than Kid Zefine.

Goyo Catanedas, 117, had no trouble in defeating Ray Nelson, 116½, in six stanzas. The up-and-coming Young Robinson, 120½, had too much on the ball for Luis Cedeno, 120½, to cope with, and the latter took the doleful decimal in the second round of a scheduled four rounder.

Jesus Chico Varona, 145, pounded out a close ten round nod over Garcia Alvarez, 144½. Indian Hinestroza outpointed Joe Allen in six heats. Jose Pasquel won over Daniel Maestre in four frames.

Kid Fenghe, the lad who rates as our future king of the bantams, outclassed Byron Cumberhatch in ten rounds.

Young Finnegan added another link to his beautiful chain of victories by chilling Raul Bretonel, of Spain, in three heats. Finnegan's win over Bretonel was his fifth straight. Both boxers battled within the welterweight limit.

Federico Plummer, one of the most promising featherweights to come from Panama's amateur ranks, suffered his first setback as a professional at the hands of Mike Ross. Plummer clouted Ross below his trunks in round six, Ross going down for the count. Immediately after the final count the doctor entered the squared circle, and after examining Ross, certified that Mike had been fouled. The nod was awarded to the fouled man.

Kid Evans, 121, pinned up an easy three heat knockout over John Pino, 122. In eighteen mills Evans has only dropped two dukes. Keep your eyes on this Kid, he's bound to go places.

Before releasing the picture, "Body and Soul," the management of "El Teatro Cedilia" invited some of the nation's leading sports writers to witness a preview of the picture. After the preview all the writers present, including this one, rated "Body and Soul" as a great production.

Our local sporting press was also invited by the management of "El Teatro Central" to witness the first Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight and awarded the nod to Walcott by a three to two vote. This writer was among those who gave the verdict to Walcott, after seeing the show.

A jolting left to the midsection and a solid right to the head was all it took Tito Despaigne, local uncrowned welterweight king, to score a one-round knockout over Nicaragua's Kid Pambele. That's all for now fans.

Any one wishing information about boxing in Panama can contact the writer, whose address is: *Star and Herald* Co., Panama City, Apartado 159.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

By JIM ECHOLS

TURNER'S ARENA, Apr. 19: Matchmaker Gabe Menendez presented three eight round bouts as his final indoor show. The best of the trio was a brawl between Lew Yonkers, 114, Roanoke, Va., and Johnny Arduini, 113, D.C., in which Yonkers outlasted the game local lad. In another eight Terry Gibson, 145, Los Angeles, scored a TKO over Kid Willie, 139½, D.C. The last 8 saw Red Gaddis, 131½, D.C., drop the duke to a more experienced Harry Lasane, 132, Houston.

In a four round prelim Garland Edwards, 157, D.C., bested Big Sid Gerald, 164½, D.C. The opening four saw Angelo Marini, 148, D.C., winning over Al Harris, 150, D.C.

In Ft. Meyer's spacious gym, three Fort Belvoir battlers emerged as champions, to give the Belvoir belters the team championship in the military district of Washington boxing tourney. Winners will go to the Fort Sheridan Olympic boxing championships next month. Team points—Ft. Belvoir, 18; Ft. McNair, 16; Ft. Meyer, 14; Army Medical Center, 5; Vint Hill, 3; South Post, 1.

Results of finals:

118 lb.—Lloyd Smith (Ft. McNair) won by default over Richard Chagnon (South Post).

126 lb.—Ed Brazerol (Ft. Meyer) TKO'ed Dale Lochmann (Ft. McNair) in 1:58 of 2nd round.

135 lbs.—Ivan Ballard (Ft. Belvoir) KO'ed Gerald Engel (Army Medical Center) in .52 seconds of 1st.

147 lbs.—Andy Nathan (Ft. Meyer) decisioned Roy Sublet (Ft. Meyer).

160 lbs.—Ray Taylor (Ft. Belvoir) won over John Pratt (Ft. Belvoir).

175 lbs.—Elliot Powers (Ft. Belvoir) TKO'ed Robert DeMuling (Vint Hill), 1:59 of first.

Heavyweight—Conrad Heiron (Ft. McNair) won over Edmund Lecuit (Ft. McNair).

It was pleasing to see Eddie Brazerol come through with a championship. Eddie has been a mainstay of all A.A.U. and Golden Gloves tournaments, and Eddie always had the misfortune to draw someone just a little bit better before the tourneys had gotten well under way. Our congrats to you Eddie Brazerol, for a title well earned and well deserved.

NOTES—Bee Bee Washington has inked a new contract with his manager, Billy Edwards. Seems as if Double B is hanging "'em" up and retiring from the squared circle. The contract is for two B's not to fight.

Aaron Perry, who worked with Sonny Horne prior to Sonny's battle here with Rocky Graziano, is making a comeback and is slated for a shot in Newark soon. Is Col. Heinie Miller's Maryland U. boxing team opening its season this fall with a visit to Oahu against Hawaii U.?

Danny Petro, laying off temporarily but expecting to resume his ring wars soon under the tutelage of "the old reliable" Glenn Drake. Speaking of Drake, the local A.A.U. body selected him as head coach for their charges in the recent Boston tourney.

Joe Gannon, local middleweight, getting lots of out-of-town shots. Especially in Philly and Trenton, Joe, who has run up a strong of 14 straight wins, is called the second Jimmy Slattery by Trenton sports scribes.

Until he was beaten by Lew Yonkers, Johnny Arduini had won 9 straight. Arduini, a normal 112 pounder, sometimes has to spot his opponents as much as 15 pounds, in order to get bouts.

Aaron Perry, 149, Washington, was defeated by Shamus McCray, 145½, Cleveland, over the 10 round route at Laurel Gardens in Newark. This was his first bout in an attempt to come back.

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By JOHN S. SHARPE

DANNY O'SULLIVAN, Finsbury Park, 117½, won the Southern Area bantamweight title and eliminator for the British title by gaining a clear points win over Jimmy Webster, Canning Town, 117¾, after 12 rounds of keen boxing at Poplar.

O'Sullivan on this form will take a lot of beating and will be a firm favorite to win from Stan Rowan when they meet for the right to meet Peter Kane, and the winner of this bout will be the opponent of Jackie Paterson for the latter's British and Empire bantam title.

Jack Bonas, Rotherham, 126¾, outpointed Dave Sharkey, Aldgate, 128, over 8 rounds.

Johnny Best was rewarded with a packed house at the Stadium, Liverpool, when he staged the Northern Central Area lightweight title contest.

Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, 134¼, gained the decision on points over Bert Hornby, Bolton, 133¾, after 12 rounds.

Joe Cassidy, Glasgow, 150, outpointed Gordon Ashun, Bootle, 147¾, over 8 rounds. Frank Duffy, Bootle, and Billy Taylor, Preston, boxed a draw over 8 rounds of a middleweight contest. Chris Kelly, Liverpool, outpointed Jackie Ryan, Stoke, in a 6 round featherweight contest. Sammy Davis, Gold Coast, was stopped in the third by Reg Marshall of Widnes.

In the chief bout at Dundee, the local Norman Tennant, 114, gained a points decision over Tommy Farricker, Manchester, 113½, after 8 rounds of brisk fighting.

Bobby Boland, Dundee, 119½, outpointed Owen Johnson, Derby, 119½, over 8 rounds.

Tommy Hendrie, Glasgow, was the master over Johnny Smith, Clydebank, in a lightweight contest over 8 rounds at Glasgow.

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Billy Davies, Nantyglo, 114, outpointed Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, 114, over 10 rounds at Abertillery.

Ric Saunders, Leicester's southpaw, 149½, knocked out Phil Close, Rotherham, 149½, in the fourth round at Northampton. Jackie Turpin, Leamington, 128½, outpointed Ronnie Gladwell, Northampton, 122½, in 8 rounds.

Tommy Burns, Stockton, after a shaky start against Cliff Anderson, British Guiana, recovered well to gain a merited points decision at the end of 10 rounds at Newcastle.

Claude Dennington, Peckham, 135½, was given a hard bout before gaining a points decision by Sadok Bahri, lightweight champion of Tunis, 137, after 8 rounds at Walworth. Tommy McGovern, Bermondsey, showed improved form against Johnny Fitzpatrick, Doncaster. The latter was put down for 10 count before he decided he had taken enough, and he retired at the end of the sixth round. George Daly, Blackfriars, who is now boxing in his old form, was easily the master of Reg Quinlan of Wales in their 8 round contest and was a clear points winner. Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, outpointed Frank Spalton, Fulham, in a 6 rounds welterweight contest. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, outpointed Ron Bissell, Rotherham, over 6 rounds of a bantamweight contest.

Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, was too clever for Bob Cleaver, Borough, in their 8 round middleweight contest at Leyton. Jackie Lucraft, Islington, 127, easily outpointed Black Bond, Jamaica, 126¾, over 8 rounds. Bob Foster, Covent Garden, 141½, knocked out Bob Frost, West Ham, 144½, in the second round. Bobby Fordham, King's Cross, knocked out Jackie Hart, Braintree, in 28 seconds of the first round with a left hook to the body.

Billy Hall, Bournemouth, outpointed Tommy Harlow, Derby, over 8 rounds of a middleweight contest at Watford. Jackie Hodder, Cerney, defeated Ron Bishop, Markham, in the second round, when the referee intervened, as the latter had received a badly cut eye.

Ric Sanders, Leicester, outpointed Alf Taylor, Warrington, in an 8 round welterweight contest at Preston.

Eddie Douglas, 110¾, Liverpool, defeated Tommy Farricker, 112, Manchester, in the 11th round for the North Central Area flyweight title at the Stadium, Liverpool. Morry Jones, 135¼, Liverpool, outpointed Warren Kendall, 140, lightweight champion of Wales, over 10 rounds. Noel Sinfield, Barnsley, outpointed Tommy Kelly, Barrow, in a 6 rounds welterweight contest.

Peter Kane, Golbourne, was in devastating form when he met Eddie "Bunty" Doran of Belfast in the chief bout at Belle Vue, Manchester. Kane should have met Guido Ferracin in a return contest for the European bantam title, but unfortunately for Kane, the Italian was injured in training, and the Irish lad was brought in as a substitute. Kane punished Doran before the latter retired in the 8th round with a damaged hand.

In the supporting contests, Jackie Wilson, Belfast, outpointed Joe Rood, Aldgate, in 8 rounds of a middleweight contest. Sammy Sullivan of Preston stopped Benny Price, Wales, in the 1st round of a welterweight bout. Frank Ronan, Fulham, outpointed Alf Robinson, Leeds, over 8 rounds of a heavyweight contest.

I was at the airport with Eddie Borden in London to greet "THE BOSS," Nat Fleischer, and his charming wife, when they arrived for a three weeks' holiday in Europe. The first surprise for Nat was at the customs office when he was asked to pay duty and purchase tax on the belt that he brought over to present to Rinty Monaghan for winning the world's flyweight title.

Nothing could persuade the custom officials, even after we had given them the lowdown that Nat Fleischer was presenting a TROPHY to the Irish crooner and flyweight champion of the world, nothing could make them change their regulations, and a deposit of £22 ($110 at par) was paid so that Nat Fleischer could keep faith with Rinty and his manager, Frank McAlorumm, and present the belt to Rinty in Belfast. It was the 130th RING belt awarded.

In fairness to the chief at London Airport, he promised that he would present the facts to his superiors and that (Nat Fleischer) MIGHT receive his deposit back, after they had perused the statement that the belts are presented to anyone, be he black, white or any other color, or creed, who was good enough to WIN A WORLD'S TITLE.

Nat Fleischer was presented to a big crowd at the Casino Theatre, London, on the occasion of a big vaudeville show presented by the Sportsman's Aid Society, and was enthusiastically welcomed by the audience.

Tommy Farricker, Manchester, 112½, outpointed Dennis Sayle of Northwich, 111, after 8 rounds at Hale, Cheshire.

Tommy Armour, Belfast, 149¼, knocked out Billy Hill, Barrow-in-Furness, 146¾, in the fourth round at Rotherham.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd, Norwich, was too experienced for the Negro Jamaican cruiserweight, Lloyd Barnett, in their 8 round contest at Leyton. Sadd was contented to outsmart Barnett without doing any damage to win on points. Len Bennett, Bethnal Green, was too good for Bob McArdle, Doncaster, in a heavyweight contest, and the referee stopped the contest in the fourth.

"Smiling" Jack Solomons was rewarded with another of his "sellout" shows at the Harringay Arena. The big crowd was treated with thrills galore, for the first was the one round victory of Freddie Mills, British and European cruiserweight champion, 177¾, over Ken Shaw, heavyweight champion of Scotland, 189. At the bell, Shaw landed a right to Mills' jaw, they clinched, and Mills shot a left to the Scot's jaw. The latter tottered to the canvas and blood was seen to be oozing from a severe cut on the upper lip. Mills stood back and motioned to Referee Ben Green of Leeds that Shaw was in a bad way, but the referee ordered Mills to box on. Shaw was in a very dazed condition and was a chopping block for the rest of the round, taking considerable punishment. When the round ended, Shaw's seconds motioned to the referee that all was not well in the corner, and on inspection rightly stopped the contest in Mills' favor.

As the final eliminator for the right to meet Bruce Woodcock for the British heavyweight title, the contest was a farce, but it proved one thing, and that is, Mills has lost none of his power of punch—which means that the Gus Lesnevich-Freddie Mills contest for the world's cruiserweight title in July will be a mighty big attraction.

The result of the Robert Villemain, 150, contest against Eric Boon, 144¼, will read as a K.O. win in the 10th round, but those that witnessed the bout will always be talking about one of the fastest and hardest hitting fights that one could wish to see. Villemain is one of the cleverest boxers that has ever appeared in a British ring, and the way he scored with a snappy left lead and counter right-hand punching was a revelation—let it not be said that Boon was outclassed, for he contested every inch of the way, and in the 6th round all but had the clever Frenchman (who holds the European welterweight title) in a bad way from left hooks to the head. Boon, seeing victory within his grasp, put in some hectic punching but he found a fighter with as much guts as he himself had shown. The Britisher's gallant effort in this round took quite a lot out of him whilst the large crowd loudly cheering urged him on. The gong sounded with both fighters battling it out in the center of the ring.

Villemain in the seventh and eighth rounds boxed carefully adding to his lead, with the exception that in the ninth he came very near to being knocked out, when he suddenly went in to mix it with the hard-hitting Boon, and with some smart two-handed punching he put him down for a long count just before the gong sent them back to their corners. They came up for the last round with Villemain in the lead, but Boon kept trying all of the time only to fall into the trap to mix it with the clever French champion and within 15 seconds of the last gong Boon was sent down after receiving a snappy left and then a right to the chin. He looked all in and got to his knees but could not summon any strength to beat the count, so within five seconds of the end he was counted out, in one of the greatest welterweight contests seen in England.

In the other contests Bert Sanders, Kilbourn, 157½, won his middleweight eliminating contest against Alby Hollister, Islington, 158, on points over 10 rounds. Danny O'Sullivan, 118¾, Southern Area bantamweight champion, outpointed Jean Jouas, France, 118¾, over eight rounds. Frank Honan, Fulham, 195, outpointed Phil Van Neikirk, South Africa, 195¼, over eight rounds. Jack Kukard, South Africa, 192½, outpointed Gerry McDermott, Dublin, 185, over six rounds, and Johnny Williams, Rugby, 174½, outpointed Bobby Ogg, Scotland, 181½, over six rounds.

Earlier in my notes I wrote that Nat Fleischer was asked by the customs officer at the London Airport to deposit £22 ($110) on the belt he was to present to Rinty Monaghan in Belfast. The result of the inquiry promised ended in the Superior Officers of the Customs Department deciding that Nat Fleischer's explanation would be accepted with compliments, and the return of the money deposited. So all's well that ends well.

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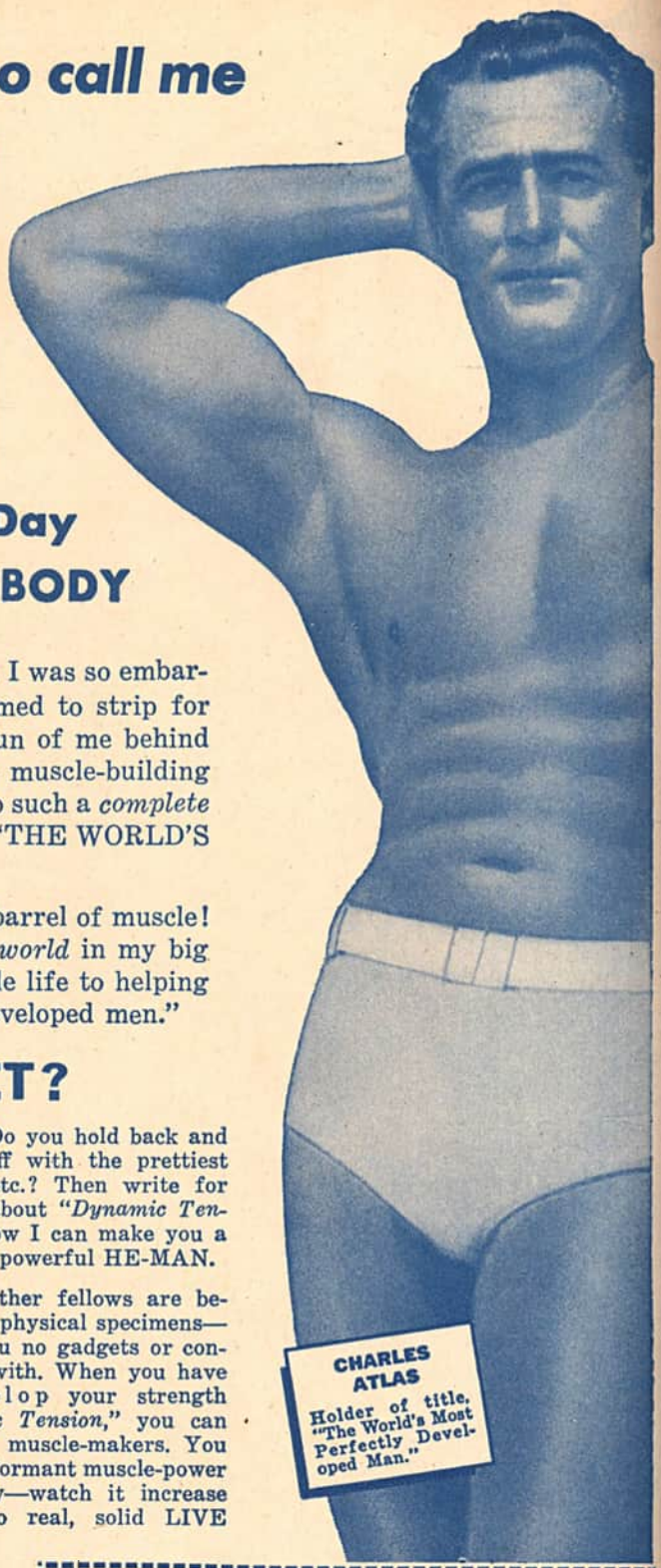

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